



Weekly One Liners 14th to 20th of September 2020

India becomes member of UN's ECOSOC body

India has been elected as a member of the United Nation's Commission on Status of Women, a body of the **Economic** and Social Council (ECOSOC). India will be a member of United Nation's Commission on Status of Women for four years, 2021 to '25.

India, Afghanistan and China had contested the elections to the Commission on Status of Women. Even as India and Afghanistan won the ballot among the **54** members, China could not cross the half-way mark.

About ECOSOC:

The Economic and Social Council is at the heart of the United Nations system to advance the three dimensions of sustainable development – economic, social and environmental. It is the central platform for fostering debate and innovative thinking, forging consensus on ways forward, and coordinating efforts to achieve internationally agreed goals. It is also responsible for the follow-up to major UN conferences and summits.

M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated 4th Global Ayurveda Summit virtually

The 4th edition of Global Ayurveda Summit was virtually inaugurated by Vice-President MuppavarapuVenkaiah Naidu on the theme "Emerging Opportunities for Ayurveda during Pandemic". The objective of the summit is to showcase the Ayurveda immunity model to the global level as a solution named 'Health as One' and 'Immunity through Ayurveda'.

Global Ayurveda Summit is being organized by the CII (Confederation of Indian Industry)-Kerala in partnership with Ministry of Ayush (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy), and with the support of Ayurveda Medical Association of India (AMAI), Ayurvedic Medicine Manufacturers Organisation in India (AMMOI) and Ayurveda Hospital Management Association (AHMA). It is also supported by the National Ayurvedic Medical Association (NAMA) in the United States (US), Association of Swiss Ayurveda Doctors and Therapists in Switzerland, Association for Ayurvedic Medicine in the Netherlands.

India Happiness Report 2020 announced

The first all **India Happiness Report 2020** covering all States and Union Territories measuring happiness across the country, what contributes to people's happiness, the impact of **COVID-19** on happiness, and insights from thought leaders. The study is based on a nationwide survey covering 16,950 people between March and July 2020 by **Professor Rajesh K Pillania**.

In overall happiness ranking of states and union territories:

- 1. Mizoram
- 2. Punjab
- 3. Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Among the big states:

- 1. Punjab
- 2. Gujarat
- 3. Telangana

Among smaller states:

- 1. Mizoram
- 2. Sikkim
- 3. Arunachal Pradesh

Among union territories:

- 1. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- 2. Puducherry
- 3. Lakshadweep

The worst possible impact of COVID-19 on happiness:

Maharashtra, Delhi, and Haryana have shown the worst possible impact of COVID-19 on happiness, whereas Puducherry and Jammu and Kashmir are neutral and Manipur, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Lakshadweep have shown the best possible impact of COVID-19 on happiness.

IMD's Global Smart City Index 2020

The Institute for Management Development, in collaboration with Singapore University for Technology and Design (SUTD), has released the Smart City Index 2020. In 2020 Smart City Index, 109 cities were surveyed. The index ranks cities based on economic and technological data, as well as by their citizens' perceptions of how "smart" their cities are. The index has been topped by Singapore, followed by Helsinki and Zurich as top three smart cities. In the 2020 Smart City Index, Hyderabad was the top Indian city, placed at the 85th position. The Indian cities have witnessed a significant drop in their rankings in the Smart City Index 2020.







List of Indian cities in the index:

Hyderabad: 85 (67th in 2019)

New Delhi: 86 (68th in 2019)

Mumbai: 93 (78th in 2019)

Bengaluru: 95 (79th in 2019)

Hindi Diwas celebrated on 14 September

Hindi Diwas or Hindi Day is observed every year on 14 **September** to mark the popularity of Hindi as an official language of India. The language was adopted under Article **343** of the Indian Constitution. The first Hindi day was celebrated on 14th September 1953.

History of Hindi Diwas:

Later, Pt Jawaharlal Nehru announced this day to be celebrated as Hindi Diwas in the country. There are 22 Scheduled languages of India, of which, two are officially used at Union government of India level: Hindi and English. Hindi is the fourth most spoken language of the world. Hindi Divas is celebrated on 14 September because, on this day in 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India had adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of the Republic of India.

National Affairs

- India and the United States held a bilateral 2+2 Intersessional meeting in virtual mode. During the meeting, both sides reviewed the progress and developments in bilateral ties in defence, security, and foreign policy areas.
- Prime Minister Shri NarendraModi has addressed the 'GrihPravesham' event in Madhya Pradesh through video conferencing. Under this, 1.75 Lakh Families in Madhya Pradesh were delivered pucca houses under the PradhanMantriAwasYojana- Grameen (PMAY-G).
- Central Government has constituted an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) to oversee the process of the corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is the chairman of this EGoM.
- The Lok Sabha has passed the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 2020 on 15 September 2020. The bill seeks to cut salaries of all Members of Parliaments (MPs) by 30 per cent for a period of one year commencing April 1, 2020, to meet the urgent financial need arising out COVID-19 pandemic.

States in the News

The Chief Minister of Odisha. Naveen Patnaik has launched a new scheme named 'GARIMA' which aims to ensure the economic safety and social dignity of core sanitation workers in the state.

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri NarendraModi has approved establishment of a new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Darbhanga, Bihar. This will be established under the PradhanMantriSwasthyaSurakshaYojana (PMSSY).
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister ShriNarendraModi, has given its approval to the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor Project from Palwal to Sonipat via Sohna-Manesar-Kharkhauda.
- The Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Uddhav Thackeray has launched a state-wide campaign titled, 'My Family, My Responsibility', to curb the spread of coronavirus pandemic. The door-to-door survey will be conducted by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), to check the citizens for fever, low oxygen levels and other Covid-19 symptoms.
- The Government of Rajasthan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to develop its micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) ecosystem. This MoU will support the state government to have a better understanding and provide better solutions for the problems of MSMEs.
- Karnataka Chief Minister, B.S. Yediyurappa has launched the "ArthikaSpandana" programme of disbursing loans to the tune of Rs 39,300 crores through various cooperative institutions. Under this scheme, Rs 15,300 crores would be disbursed to the agriculture sector while a sum of Rs 24,000 crores would be earmarked for the non-agricultural sector.
- Gujarat government has launched the Mukhyamantri Mahila Utkarsh Yojana (MMUY) to provide interestfree loans to women's groups in the state.





International Affairs

- Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary, YoshihideSuga has been elected as the new Chief of country's ruling, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and Prime Ministerdesignate of Japan. The 71-year-old will assume charge of the office from 16 September 2020.
- **TikTok** has chosen **Oracle** to be its **technology partner** for its **American operations**. Microsoft was also in a bid to acquire TikTok in the United States but the Chinese owner of the video-sharing platform "TikTok" chose Oracle over Microsoft to be its technology partner for its American operations.
- Mexico has become the first country in the world to issue a sovereign bond linked to the sustainable development goals set by the United Nations. It has raised EUR 750 million (\$890 million) by such bonds. The SDG bond will mature in September 2027 and offers a yield to maturity rate of 1.603% and a coupon rate of 1.350%. This new bond was issued under Mexico's new "SDG Sovereign Bond Framework," which was released in February in partnership with French investment bank Natixis.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed an agreement for \$15 million of debt financing through the subscription of nonconvertible debentures for Suguna Foods Private Limited (Suguna). The deal will help in sustaining poultry farming operations, as well as rural livelihoods and food security in India during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- SBI General Insurance and YES Bank have signed a corporate agency agreement. Under the corporate agency agreement, the YES Bank will distribute the general insurer's retail products to its customers. The products of SBI General Insurance Company will be offered to YES BANK's customers across 28 states and 8 Union Territories.

Books and Authors

- Interior designer, Gauri Khan has authored her first book titled "My Life In Design", which will be published by Penguin Random House India in 2021. It is a coffee-table book, in which Gauri has written about her journey as a designer.
- Arundhati Roy's new book titled "Azadi: Freedom.
 Fascism. Fiction" is published by Penguin Books
 Limited. The nonfiction book is a collection of essays
 that shows the meaning of Freedom in the world of
 increasing authoritarianism.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Titan Company** has partnered with the **State Bank of India (SBI)** to launch India's first contactless payment watches named **"Titan Pay"**. Using these watches, the account holders of SBI can tap their Titan Pay watch on the contactless payment POS machines for making payments. It is powered by **YONO SBI**.
- The ICICI Home Finance launched "ApnaGharDreamz", its new home loan scheme for skilled laborers like electricians, mechanics, painters, grocery store owners etc in the informal sector of Delhi.
- The Indian rating agency, CARE Ratings has projected the GDP of India to contract in the range 8 to 8.2% for 2020-21 (FY21). This is more than its earlier projection of -6.4%. The decline in GDP growth by around 8 per cent would also be associated with a decline in the gross fixed capital formation.
- S&P Global Ratings has projected the GDP of India to contract by 9% in the fiscal year 2020-21 (FY21), as against its previous estimate of a 5% contraction, due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. For the FY22 (2021-22), S&P expects GDP growth of 6% and for the FY23 (2022-23), GDP growth is projected at 6.2%.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has estimated that the GDP of India is expected to contract by 9% in fiscal 2020-21 (FY21). This estimate is worse than ADB's previous estimate of -4%.
- The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) expects the Indian economy to contract by 10.2% in FY21 (2020-21) as compared to its previous estimate of 16.7% in June. For FY22 (2021-22), the Paris-based OECD projects India's gross domestic product (GDP) to grow at 10.7%.
- UBS Securities has projected India's GDP for 2020-21 (FY21) to contact by 8.6%. (Earlier it was -5.8%). For FY22, UBS Securities projects India's GDP to grow by 10%. UBS Securities is a Chinese investment bank and brokerage firm headquartered in Beijing, China.
- Bandhan Bank has set up a new vertical called "Emerging Entrepreneurs Business (EEB)" to support the emerging needs of the unbanked and underbanked segment of customers.
- Canara Bank has launched lead management system (LMS) i-Lead 2.0 (Inspiring Leads System version 2.0) to provide its services to customers irrespective of where they resides.





Appointments/Resignations

- Subhash Kamath has been elected as the chairman
 of the board of governors of the Advertising
 Standards Council of India (ASCI). Kamath, who
 was serving as ASCI vice-chairman, will replace Rohit
 Gupta, president, Sony Pictures Networks.
- Citigroup has named Jane Fraser as its next chief executive officer. She will be the first female CEO of this major global bank. She will succeed Michael Corbat, who is retiring in February 2021.
- A 1988 batch IAS officer, Rajesh Khullar has been appointed as Executive Director at World Bank in Washington DC.
- Janata Dal (United) parliamentarian Harivansh Narayan Singh has been re-elected as the Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has appointed Takeo Konishi as its new Country Director for India. Konishi will replace Kenichi Yokoyama who has taken over as Director-General of ADB's South Asia Department.

Defence News

The 10th Defense Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) Group Meeting was held virtually by the Indian and U.S. Defense Delegations. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Raj Kumar, Secretary, Defence Production, from the Indian Ministry of Defence and Ms. Ellen M. Lord, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, from the U.S. Department of Defense.

Awards and Recognitions

 Managing Director of HDFC Bank, AdityaPuri has been conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award by Euromoney Awards of Excellence 2020. He has been awarded for his skills in building a world-class bank in India at a time where there were no similar institutions in existence.



- The Fiumicino International Airport (FCO) in Rome, Italy, has become the first airport in the world to be certified with "COVID-19 5-star airport rating" from Skytrax, a U.K.-based airport and airline review firm. FCO, also known as the Leonardo Da Vinci International Airport, is the busiest airport in Italy.
- Chef VikasKhanna has been chosen to be honoured with the prestigious Asia Game Changer Award 2020. This award is given to him for feeding millions of people across India in the COVID-19 pandemic through a massive food distribution drive 'FeedIndia'.
- Margaret Atwood has won the 2020 Dayton Literary Peace Prize's lifetime achievement award. The award celebrates literature's power to foster peace, social justice and global understanding.

Summits & Conferences

- Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan participated in the 27th ASEAN regional forum. During the 27th ASEAN regional forum, the minister shared India's views on maritime security, counter terrorism as well as the COVID-19 pandemic. He also stated that India will co-chair ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) workshops on port security and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.
- The Environment Ministerial Meeting (EMM) of the G20 countries was held through video conferencing under the Presidency of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Union Environment, Climate Change and Forest Minister ShriPrakashJavadekar represented India in the meeting.
- External Affairs Minister of the Republic of India, Shri S. Jaishankar, chaired the customary meeting of IBSA Foreign Ministers through video conferencing. During the meet, India, Brazil and South Africa emphasized the need for the international community to redouble efforts to achieve tangible progress for accelerated and comprehensive reform of the UN Security Council. The ministers adopted the IBSA Joint Ministerial Statement on the Reform of the UN Security Council, as a common endeavour of the Global South.
- 10th Meeting of the BRICS High Representatives on National Security was held virtually by the current chair of BRICS i.e. Russia. National Security Advisor Ajit Doval represented India in a virtual meet of top security officials from Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa (BRICS) grouping.



Sports News

- Japan's Naomi Osaka defeated Victoria Azarenka of Belarus to clinch the Women's Singles title in the 2020 US Open Tennis tournament.
- Austria's Dominic Thiem defeated Alexander Zverev to win the men's singles title at the 2020 US Open tournament.
- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won the Formula One Tuscan Grand Prix 2020 held at Mugello Circuit, Italy. This was his 6th win of the season and 90th F1 win of his career.
- The **Badminton World Federation (BWF)** has announced that the **Thomas Cup** and the **Uber Cup**, which were scheduled to be held from 3 to 11 October 2020 in **Denmark**, has been **postponed** for 2021.

Important Days

- International Day of Democracy is observed globally on 15th September every year. The International Day of Democracy provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world.
- In India, the Engineer's Day is celebrated on September 15 every year, since 1968, to recognise the contribution of engineers' in the development of the nation. The day marks the birth anniversary of the engineering pioneer of India, Sir MokshagundamVishweshvaraya, (popularly known as Sir MV).
- The United Nations observes 16th September every year as International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. The theme of the day for 2020: "Ozone for life: 35 years of ozone layer protection". It marks 35 years of the Vienna Convention.
- The World Patient Safety Day is observed globally on 17th September to create a global awareness for patient safety and urge people to show their commitment to making healthcare safer. The theme for World Patient Safety Day 2020: Health Worker Safety: A Priority for Patient Safety.
- World Bamboo Day is observed globally on 18
 September every year. This day is celebrated to raise awareness of the benefits of bamboo and to promote its use in everyday products. The theme for 11th edition of WBD 2020 is 'BAMBOO NOW.'
- **International Equal Pay Day** is observed globally for the first time on **18th September 2020.** The Equal Pay International Coalition (EPIC) will host a virtual global Call to Action to encourage all labour market actors to take the necessary steps to ensure that equal pay is at the heart of recovery efforts worldwide.

Obituaries

- Former Union minister and veteran leader of RashtriyaJanata Dal (RJD), Raghuvansh Prasad Singh passed away. He was a member of the 15th LokSabha of India and represented the Vaishali constituency of Bihar.
- Veteran Congress leader and former Chhattisgarh minister, Chanesh Ram Rathiya passed away due to COVID-19. He was elected as an MLA for the first time in 1977 from Dharamjaigarh constituency in the then undivided Madhya Pradesh.
- Former Maharashtra cricketer, SadashivPatil passed away. He had represented India in only one Test and played 36 first-class matches between 1952 and 1964.
- Social activist and AryaSamaj leader, **Swami Agnivesh**, who is widely known for his work against slavery and bonded labour, has passed away.
- Veteran scholar of Indian classical dance, art, architecture and art history, DrKapilaVatsyayan passed away. She was the founding Director of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts. She was the former Member of Parliament and had served as Education Secretary.
- Former President of Republic of Mali, who was in power from 1968 to 1991, General MoussaTraore passed away.
- The shortest-serving Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, AmitabhaGhosh passed away. He had served as the 16th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for 21 days between January 15, 1985, to February 4, 1985.
- RajyaSabha MP from Karnataka, Ashok Gasti passed away due to COVID-19. He was born in 1965 and belonged to Raichur district, Karnataka.
- Tamil Nadu based prominent Indian Ayurveda physician, PR Krishnakumar passed away. He was the Founder and Managing Director of the iconic Coimbatore AryaVaidya Pharmacy (AVP) as well as the Chancellor of the renowned Avinashilingam University in Coimbatore.

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Tamil director **Babu Sivan** passed away. He began his career by assisting director Dharani, who helmed films like Ghilli and Kurvi with Vijay.

Miscellaneous News

- Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India, virtually celebrated the 'Himalaya Diwas'.
- Amazon.com Inc has signed up Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan for its Alexa voice assistant. Amitabh Bachchan is the first Indian celebrity to lend his voice to Alexa. Alexa users will be able to access Amitabh Bachchan's voice on Alexa by purchasing the Amitabh Bachchan voice experience.
- Paytm First Games (PFG), a subsidiary of digital financial service platform Paytm, has roped in Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar as its brand ambassador.
- The Ministry of Education organized a webinar on Faculty Development for Quality Education under ShikshakParv Initiative.
- Online poker platform 9stacks has signed Suresh Raina as its brand ambassador. The partnership will see the cricketer in the brand's upcoming campaigns and promote 9stacks through various engagement activities.
- Indian teenager **Udit Singhal** has been named in the 2020 Class of 17 Young Leaders for the Sustainable **Development Goals** (SDGs).

Static Takeaways

- Economic and Social Council Founded: 1945.
- Economic and Social Council **President:** MunirAkram.
- Economic and Social Council Headquarters: New York, United States.
- Odisha Capital: Bhubaneswar.
- Odisha Governor: GaneshiLal.
- Chief Minister of Bihar: Nitish Kumar; Governor: PhaguChauhan.

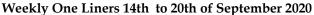
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- Chief Minister of Maharashtra: Uddhav Thackeray; Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- 12th CM Rajasthan Chief Minister: Ashok Gehlot.
- Rajasthan Governor: Kalraj Mishra.
- Rajasthan Capital: Jaipur.
- Chief Minister of Karnataka: B.S. Yediyurappa; Governor: VajubhaiVala.
- Mexico Capital: Mexico City.
- Mexico Currency: Mexican peso.
- President of Mexico: Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.
- Capital of Japan: Tokyo.
- The currency of Japan: Yen.
- President of Asian Development Bank: Masatsugu Asakawa.
- MD & CEO of Yes Bank: Prashant Kumar.
- MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance: Prakash Chandra Kandpal.
- Chairman of Titan Company: N Muruganandam.
- Titan Company Founded: 1984.
- Titan Company Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Chairman of SBI: Rajnish Kumar.
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- CARE Ratings Founded: 1993.
- CARE Ratings: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- CARE Ratings Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer: Ajay Mahajan.
- S&P Global Ratings Headquarters: New York, United
- President of S&P Global Ratings: John Berisford.
- Organisation for Economic Cooperation and DevelopmentHeadquarters: Paris, France.
- Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Founded: 1961.
- Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Secretary-General: Jose Angel Gurria.
- Advertising Standards Council of India Founded: 1985.
- Advertising Standards Council of India Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The headquarters of Citigroup is located in New York, United States.
- Citigroup Established: 8 October 1998.
- President of World Bank: David Malpass.
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington D.C., United States.
- World Bank Founded: July 1944.
- Chairman of RajyaSabha: M Venkaiah Naidu.
- President of Asian Development Bank: MasatsuguAsakawa.
- Asian Development Bank Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines.







- Asian Development Bank Founded: 19 December 1966.
- The tagline of HDFC Bank: We Understand Your World.
- HDFC Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Union Minister for External Affairs: SubrahmanyamJaishankar.
- Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of AYUSH: ShripadYessoNaik.
- Badminton World Federation Founded: 5 July 1934.
- Badminton World Federation President: Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen.
- Badminton World Federation Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- United Nations Environment Programme Headquarters location: Nairobi, Kenya.
- United Nations Environment Programme Head: Inger Andersen.
- United Nations Environment Programme Founded: 5 June 1972.
- Headquarters of WHO: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Director-general of WHO: TedrosAdhanom.
- World Bamboo Organization Headquarters: Antwerp, Belgium.
- World Bamboo Organization Founded: 2005.
- World Bamboo Organization Executive director: Susanne Lucas.
- International Water Association President: Diane D'Arras.
- International Water Association Headquarters: London, United Kingdom.
- International Water Association Founded: 1998.

- Water Environment Federation President: Jacqueline A. Jarrell.
- Water Environment Federation Founded: 1928.
- Water Environment Federation Headquarters: Virginia, United States.
- 9stacks was founded by SudhirKamath, Pratik Kumar and RishabMathur in 2017.
- Union Minister of Education: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- President of Paytm: AmitNayyar.
- Paytm founder: Vijay ShekharSharma.
- Paytm Founded: August 2010.
- Paytm Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- Amazon CEO: Jeff Bezos.
- Amazon Founder: Jeff Bezos.
- Amazon Founded: 5 July 1994.
- Amazon Headquarters: Seattle, Washington, United States.

