



Weekly Current Affairs Oneliner

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NATIONAL NEWS

- Which train has become India's first brand-named train?
Sprite Tejas Express
- The Sprite Tejas Express operates between which two cities?
Lucknow and New Delhi
- Which state launched the Sandhya Kiran Cashless Healthcare Cover?
Karnataka
- Who are the primary beneficiaries of the Sandhya Kiran scheme?
Karnataka State Government pensioners below 70 years
- From which city to which city is the Uttarakhand High Court proposed to be shifted?
Nainital to Haldwani
- In which year was the Uttarakhand High Court established?
2000
- Which traditional agricultural festival is prominently celebrated in Chhattisgarh?
Hareli Tihar
- During which month is Hareli Tihar traditionally celebrated?
Shravan
- What is the new name of West Bengal's Kanyashree Scheme?
Kanya Ratna Scheme
- How much financial assistance is being provided to eligible girl students under the scheme in 2026?
₹1,000
- Where did the CCI host the Meeting of Heads of BRICS Competition Authorities?
Udaipur, Rajasthan
- Who is the Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India?
Ravneet Kaur
- Which state plans to train around 10,000 'Gau Mitras'?
Uttar Pradesh
- What is the main objective of the Gau Mitra initiative?
Cow protection and care
- Which Uttar Pradesh structure was recognised as a World Heritage Irrigation Structure?
Parichha Dam/Weir
- The Parichha Dam is associated with which river?
Betwa River
- Which organisation launched the RSVC-AMRIT platform?
NABARD
- What does RSVC stand for?
RuTAGe Smart Village Centre
- Which organisation launched the YASHODA AI initiative?
National Commission for Women (NCW)
- Where was the YASHODA AI initiative launched?
Jalandhar, Punjab
- Which state declared snakebite a Notifiable Disease?
Maharashtra
- What has been made mandatory under Maharashtra's snakebite notification?
Reporting of suspected, probable and confirmed snakebite cases and deaths
- Where was the 5th Tamil Nadu International Kite Festival organised?
Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu
- At which beach was the 2026 edition held?
Thiruvudanthai Beach
- Which organisation operationalised the Sungal Tunnel?
Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
- What is the length of the Sungal Tunnel?
2.79 km
- Where will SEMICON India 2026 be held?
Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
- Which edition of SEMICON India will be held in 2026?
Fifth edition
- Who chaired the 31st meeting of the Southern Zonal Council?
Amit Shah
- Which states are members of the Southern Zonal Council?
Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Who was elected as the new President of Hungary?
András Baka
- Whom did András Baka succeed as Hungary's President?
Tamás Sulyok
- What is the name of Pakistan's first lunar rover?
Jinnah-1
- Under which Chinese mission will Jinnah-1 travel to the Moon?
Chang'e-8 mission
- Who was re-elected as the President of Zambia for a second term?
Hakainde Hichilema
- Under which political party did Hakainde Hichilema contest the election?
United Party for National Development (UPND)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION NEWS

- Which award was conferred on Odissi dancer Shubhada Varadkar?
Sangeet Natak Akademi Award
- Under which renowned Odissi guru did Shubhada Varadkar train?
Kelucharan Mohapatra
- Which honorary rank was conferred on General Dhiraj Seth by Nepal?
Honorary General of the Nepal Army
- Who conferred the honorary rank on General Dhiraj Seth?
Nepal President Ramchandra Paudel
- Who won the UNCCD Rangeland Restoration Award 2026?
Sumer Singh Bhati
- What ecosystem did Sumer Singh Bhati work to protect and restore?
Degrai Mata Oran community-conserved grassland
- How many Indian peacekeepers received the UN Medal in South Sudan?
210

- Under which UN mission were the Indian peacekeepers serving?
United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)
- Which award did POWERGRID receive?
PMIS Partner Company Award
- In which category did POWERGRID win the award?
Innovation in Exit Pathways

APPOINTMENTS NEWS

- Who was appointed as the first woman Aide-de-Camp to the Indian Army Chief?
Captain Shivani Sehrawat
- What does ADC stand for?
Aide-de-Camp
- Who decided not to seek another term as Chairman of Tata Sons?
Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- Whom did N. Chandrasekaran succeed as Chairman of Tata Sons?
Cyrus Mistry
- Who was appointed as an arbitrator by Russia in the Oshadbank case?
Former CJI D.Y. Chandrachud
- The arbitration case involving D.Y. Chandrachud concerns which country's state-owned bank?
Ukraine's Oshadbank

BANKING NEWS

- Which organisation launched the RSVC-AMRIT platform for rural innovation?
NABARD
- With which office did NABARD collaborate to develop RSVC-AMRIT?
Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (OPSA)
- Who was appointed to the RBI Central Board as a former ISRO Chairman?
S. Somanath
- Who was reappointed as a Part-Time, Non-Official Director on the RBI Central Board?
Anand Mahindra
- Who was elected President of the Supreme Court Bar Association for 2026–27?
Pradeep Rai
- Whom did Pradeep Rai succeed as SCBA President?
Vikas Singh

- Who was appointed Chairperson of Airtel Payments Bank? **Shabnam Sinha**
- Whom did Shabnam Sinha succeed? **Sunil Bharti Mittal**

SPORTS NEWS

- Which country won its maiden overall title at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2026? **India**
- How many medals did India win at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2026? **35**
- Who won the women's singles title at the 2026 Canadian Open? **Iga Świątek**
- Which player did Iga Świątek defeat in the final? **Elena Rybakina**
- Which two countries are jointly hosting the 16th Women's FIH Hockey World Cup 2026? **Belgium and the Netherlands**
- Where are the women's matches being played? **Wagener Hockey Stadium, Amstelveen, and Belfius Hockey Arena, Wavre**
- Who retained the Esports World Cup Chess title in 2026? **Four**
- Who won the gold medal for India at the Olympiad? **Magnus Carlsen**
- Whom did Magnus Carlsen defeat in the final? **Denis Lazavik**
- Which Indian players won the Asian Junior Blitz titles in 2026? **Vignesh Advaita Vermula and Saranya Devi Narahari**
- Which states do Vignesh Vermula and Saranya Devi represent? **Telangana and Andhra Pradesh**
- Who became the first Indian cricketer to hit 100 sixes in Test cricket? **Rishabh Pant**
- In how many Test matches did Rishabh Pant reach the milestone? **51 Tests**
- Who won the Open category at the 2026 Asian Junior Rapid Chess Championship?

M. Vivaan Vishal Shah

- What chess title does Vivaan Vishal Shah hold? **FIDE Master (FM)**

DEFENCE & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

- Who became the IAF's first woman Fighter Combat Leader? **Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth**
- Where was the Fighter Combat Leader course conducted? **Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment (TACDE), Gwalior**
- What is the main purpose of Saudi Arabia's newly launched Maritime Defence Coalition? **Strengthening maritime security in the Red Sea region**
- Which key maritime routes does the coalition focus on? **Red Sea, Bab-el-Mandeb Strait and Gulf of Aden**
- Exercise MAITREE-XV is a bilateral military exercise between India and which country? **Thailand**
- Which edition of the India–Thailand Joint Military Exercise is MAITREE-XV? **15th edition**
- What type of satellite constellation has IN-SPACe approved? **India's first indigenous, fully commercial Earth Observation Satellite constellation**
- What does IN-SPACe stand for? **Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre**
- Which institute developed the SraVaani 1.0 AI model? **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru**
- How many Indian languages and dialects does SraVaani support? **65**