

# Weekly One Liners 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2019

## Sahitya Akademi award 2019 released

- **Sahitya Akademi** announced its annual **Sahitya Akademi Awards** in 23 languages. Seven books of poetry, four of the novel, six of short stories, three of essays and one each of non-fiction, autobiography and biography have won the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2019. This time, the awards for the Nepali language will be announced later.

The complete list of winners in a different language and genre categories is given in the table below.

S.No	Language	Title and Genre	Name of the Author
1	Assamese	Chanakya (Novel)	Joysree Goswami Mahanta
2	Bengali	Ghumer Darja Thele (Essays)	Chinmoy Guha
3	Bodo	Akhai Athumniphrai (Poetry)	Phukan Ch. Basumatary
4	Dogri	Bandralta Darpan (Essays)	Om Sharma Jandriari
5	English	<b>An Era of Darkness (Non-Fiction)</b>	<b>Shashi Tharoor</b>
6	Gujarati	Mojma Revu Re (Essays)	Ratilal Borisagar
7	Hindi	<b>Chheelate Hue Apne Ko (Poetry)</b>	<b>Nand Kishore Acharya</b>
8	Kannada	Kudi Esaru (Autobiography)	Vijaya
9	Kashmiri	Akh Yaad Akh Qayamat (Short Stories)	Abdul AhadHajini
10	Konkani	The Words (Poetry)	Nilba A Khandekar
11	Maithili	Jingik Oriaon Kariat (Poetry)	Kumar Manish Arvind
12	Malayalam	Achan Piranna Veedu (Poetry)	V Madhusoodanan Nair
13	Manipuri	EiAmadi Adungeigi Eethat (Novel)	L Birmangol Singh (Beryl Thanga)
14	Marathi	Kadachit Ajoonahi(Poetry)	Anuradha Patil
15	Odia	Bhaswati	Tarun

		(Short Stories)	Kanti Mishra
16	Punjabi	Antheen (Short Stories)	Kirpal Kazak
17	Rajasthani	BareekBaat (Short Stories)	Ramswaroop Kisan
18	Sanskrit	<b>Prajnachakshusham (Poetry)</b>	<b>Penna Madhusudan</b>
19	Santali	Sisirkali (Short Stories)	Kali Charan Hembram
20	Sindhi	Jeejal (Short Stories)	Ishwar Moorjani
21	Tamil	Sool (Novel)	Cho Dharman
22	Telugu	Septabhoomi (Novel)	Bandi Narayana Swamy
23	Urdu	<b>Sawaneh-E-Sir Syed: Ek Bazadeed (Biography)</b>	<b>Shafey Kidwai</b>

- The Award in the form of a casket containing an engraved copper-plaque, a shawl and an amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- towards cash content will be presented to the authors of these books at a special function to be held on 25 February 2020 at New Delhi during the Festival of Letters organized by Sahitya Akademi.

- The Reserve Bank reserves the right to decide on the quantum of purchase/sale of individual securities and to accept bids/offers for less than the aggregate amount.

### RBI to buy and sell govt bonds worth Rs 10,000 crore

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will simultaneously purchase and sell government securities worth Rs 10,000 crore under a special Open Market Operation (OMO).
- On a review of the current liquidity and market situation and an assessment of the evolving financial conditions, the Reserve Bank has decided to conduct simultaneous purchase and sale of government securities on December 23, 2019.
- The purchase will be for government securities worth Rs 10,000 crore for the instrument '6.45 per cent GS 2029'.

### India celebrates Vijay Diwas: 16 December

- The nation celebrates **16 December** as **Vijay Diwas** to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in 1971 war.
- The **Indo-Pakistan war of 1971** which began on December 3 lasted for 13 days and officially ended on December 16, after which Pakistan surrendered to India.
- It was on this day in 1971, the chief of the Pakistani forces, General AA Khan Niazi, along with 93 thousand troops, had surrendered unconditionally to the allied forces consisting of Indian Army and Mukti Bahini.
- The end of the war also resulted in subsequent secession of East Pakistan into Bangladesh.

### Lt Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane to be next Army Chief

- Lt Gen **Manoj Mukund Naravane** will be the next Chief of Army Staff of India.
- He is currently serving as Vice Chief of the Army. Lt Gen Naravane will succeed Gen Bipin Rawat, who will retire on the 31st December.
- He has served in numerous command and staff appointments in peace, field and highly active counter-insurgency environments in Jammu and Kashmir and the Northeast.
- In a distinguished military career spanning almost four decades, Lt Gen Naravane has the distinction of tenantry key appointments in active Counter Insurgency environments, both in the North East and in Jammu and Kashmir and was a part of the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka during Operation PAWAN.
- He has been awarded the Sena Medal (Distinguished) for effectively commanding his battalion in Jammu and Kashmir.
- He is also a recipient of the Vishisht Seva Medal for his services as the Inspector General Assam Rifles (North) in Nagaland and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal for commanding of a prestigious strike corps.
- He was honoured with Param Vishisht Seva Medal for his distinguished services as the General Officer Commanding in Chief of the Army Training Command.

### India slips to 112th place on WEF's Global Gender Gap Report

- **India** has slipped four places to rank **112th globally** as per the **Global Gender Gap Report 2020**. The report was released by World Economic Forum (WEF) headquartered at Geneva.
- **Iceland** has topped the report and remains the world's most gender-neutral country while Yemen was ranked the worst (153rd) in the report. As per report, the most improved

countries were Albania, Ethiopia, Mali, Mexico and Spain.

- Among regions, Western Europe has made the most progress on gender parity (standing at 76.7%).
- As per WEF, the time it will take to close the gender gap has narrowed to 99.5 years in 2019 while the number was 108 years in 2018. WEF stated that this year's improvement can largely be ascribed to a significant increase in the number of women in politics.

#### Insights of WEF's Global Gender Gap Report:

- The Global Gender Gap Report 2020 has assessed 153 countries on their progress towards gender parity in 4 dimensions:
  1. Economic Participation and Opportunity
  2. Educational Attainment
  3. Health and Survival
  4. Political Empowerment
- The report also examines gender gap prospects in the professions of the future.

#### From World perspective:

- Political Representation: According to the report, it will take 95 years to close the gender gap in political representation, with women in 2019 holding 25.2% of parliamentary (lower-house) seats and 21.2% of ministerial positions.



- Labour Market: Only 55% of women (aged 15-64) are engaged in the labour market as opposed to 78% of men.
- Economic participation and opportunity: In this dimension, the progress has regressed with a deteriorating situation forcing gender parity to a lowly 57.8%, which in time represents a massive 257 years before gender parity can be achieved.

#### From India's perspective:

- With a score of 0.668, India has been ranked 112th in the WEF's Global Gender Gap Report 2020.

#### India's ranking in different dimensions:

- In terms of Economic participation and opportunity, India has been ranked 149th with a score of 0.354 in the WEF's Global Gender Gap Report 2020.
- In terms of Educational attainment, India has been ranked 112th with a score of 0.962 in the WEF's Global Gender Gap Report 2020.
- In terms of Health and survival, India has been ranked 150th with a score of 0.944 in the WEF's Global Gender Gap Report 2020.
- In terms of Political empowerment, India has been ranked 18th with a score of 0.411 in the WEF's Global Gender Gap Report 2020.
- Overall around the world, this year's index highlights areas where policy makers need to focus greater attention. At the federal level, greater political representation and in some nations, any representation at all for women is a pressing need. Policy makers are also required to take action to better equip younger generations particularly in developing nations with the skills to succeed in the world of future jobs.

#### RBI waives NEFT, RTGS transfer charges for savings account holders

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has waived NEFT, RTGS** transfer charges for savings account holders.
- In an order, RBI instructed banks to make all online payments done through RTGS and NEFT free of cost for savings account holders.
- The new rule will be effective from January 1, 2020.

#### GST Council fixes 28% uniform tax rate for lottery

- The **Goods and Services Tax or GST Council** has fixed a uniform tax rate of **28%** on both state-run and private lottery.
- It also decided to rationalise the GST rate on **woven and non-woven bags** to **18%**.
- It was for the first time that the GST Council resorted to voting to decide on an issue as it fixed a uniform tax rate on both state and private lotteries.
- The GST Council also decided to exempt upfront amount payable for long term lease of industrial and financial infrastructure plots by an entity having **20%** or more ownership of Central or State Government.

#### India and US sign defence tech transfer pact during 2+2 dialogue

- **India and the US** have signed an agreement to facilitate the transfer of **defence technology**.
- **During a 2+2 dialogue** held at Washington DC, the top foreign affairs and **defence leaders** on growing strategic relations between the world's largest and most powerful democracies.
- India and the US have a common vision of a free, seamless and peaceful Indo-Pacific region.

- India has bought weapons worth more than \$15 billion from the United States over the past decade as it seeks to replace its Russian-origin military and is in talks for helicopters, armed drones and a bigger Indian plan for local production of combat planes together worth billions of dollars.

### HDFC Bank crosses \$100 billion market capitalisation

- HDFC Bank** has become the 3rd Indian firm to cross **\$100 billion** mark in market capitalisation.
- HDFC Bank has joined the league of Reliance Industries Ltd, which has a market cap of **\$140.74 billion**, and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) that has a market cap of \$114.60 billion.
- With this achievement, HDFC Bank is now ranked 110th in the list of world's most valued companies.
- Among the world's most valued banks and financial companies which have a market cap of over \$100 billion, HDFC Bank is ranked at 26th position.

### National Affairs

- FASTags** or prepaid rechargeable tags for toll collection have become mandatory for all vehicles from 15th December 2019.
- Bureau of Energy Efficiency** has organised the **"29th National Energy Conservation Awards"** under the guidance of Ministry of Power, Government of India.
- The Union government has launched **National Broadband Mission** to provide Broadband access to all villages by **2022**.
- Government e-commerce portal GeM** has launched a national outreach programme, **"GeM Samvaad"**, to bring on-board more local sellers.

- Indian Railways has decided to grant **50%** concession for the youth participating in the **"Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat"** programme.
- Chennai Corporation, Tamil Nadu** launched India's first waste exchange platform namely **"Madras Waste Exchange"** ([www.madraswasteexchange.com](http://www.madraswasteexchange.com)) to buy and sell municipal solid waste online.
- Portuguese Prime Minister** Antonio Costa announced the setting up of a **Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize**.
- The **Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP)** has been recognised formally by the National Department of Regulation of Medicines and Health Products of the Ministry of Public Health of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

### States in the News

- The **Coal Ministry** will establish **'Sustainable Development Cell' (SDC)** for promoting sustainable coal mining in the country.
- The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh **Kamal Nath** will inaugurate the International Film Festival in **Shilpkala village of Khajuraho**.
- Haryana police** have introduced a unique barcoding software **"Trakea"** to enable foolproof security of the samples collected in Forensic reports. Haryana became the first state in the country to introduce this unique barcoding system.

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- In **Madhya Pradesh**, popular classical music festival '**Tansen Samaroh**' began with traditional style in Gwalior with the recitations of Harikatha and Milad.
- Chief Minister **N. Biren Singh** inaugurated the State-level Orange festival at district **Tamenglong in Manipur**.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched the '**Jalsathi**' programme to ensure supply of safe drinking water to all households in the state. The Odisha CM also launched the 'JalSathi' App on the occasion.
- The **Meghalaya Assembly** unanimously adopted a resolution urging the Government of India to implement Inner Line Permit in the state under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873.

### International Affairs

- Thailand's famous 2000-year-old massage, **Nuad Thai** was added to UNESCO's (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) prestigious heritage list.
- **Abdelmadjid Tebboune**, former Prime Minister (PM) of Algeria was elected as the President of Algeria succeeding Abdelkader Bensalah.
- **Sri Lankan government** has formally released its new National policy Framework titled '**Vistas of Prosperity and Splendor**'.
- **Donald Trump** has become the **third US President in history** to be impeached by the **House of Representatives**.
- **Ethiopia** launched its first satellite, a landmark achievement for the country's space program that caps a banner year for the **African space industry**.
- US President Donald Trump has picked Indian-American computer scientist **Sethuraman Panchanathan** to lead the prestigious **National Science Foundation (NSF)** in USA.

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- The **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** and the **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote sustainable agriculture and climate-resilient farming systems.
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has signed a loan agreement worth of **\$277 million** (about Rs 1,958 crore) with Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) German development bank for establishing an energy-efficient housing programme in India.
- "**Amazon.com Inc**", "**Apple Inc**" and **Alphabet Inc's "Google"** have announced a partnership to lay the groundwork for better compatibility among their smart home products.

### Books and Authors

- **Viswanathan Anand** has launched his autobiography '**Mind Master**'. **Anand's** autobiography is co-authored by sports journalist **Susan Ninann**.
- Social Justice and Empowerment Minister launched the Braille version of the book "**Exam Warriors**" written by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** in New Delhi.

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Edelweiss Asset Management Company (AMC)**, a subsidiary of Edelweiss Capital Limited (ECL) has launched India's 1st Corporate Bond ETF (exchange trade fund) called the **Bharat Bond ETF**.
- The **Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB)** have signed a \$250 million loan for Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL).

- **Infosys** has announced the launch of three **blockchain-powered distributed applications**. The applications will be dedicated for government services, insurance, and supply chain management domains.
- French carmaker “**Peugeot SA**” and **US-Italian “Fiat Chrysler**” have signed an agreement to create the world’s fourth largest automaker.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the Government of India has signed a **\$490 million loan**. The loan is signed for public-private partnership (PPP) project through the hybrid-annuity model (HAM) to upgrade about 1,600 km of state highways and major district roads in the state of Madhya Pradesh.
- **Google** searches for “**Operation Twist**” surged in India after the central bank announced its version of the U.S. Federal Reserve’s unconventional monetary policy. The **Reserve Bank of India** will buy longer-tenor bonds while selling shorter debt. The concept is similar to Operation Twist used by the Fed in 2011-2012 in an effort to cheapen long-term borrowing and spur bank lending.

### Appointments/Resignations

- IAS officer **Ravi Mittal** took charge as the new Secretary, Information and Broadcasting Ministry.
- Nagaland Governor **R N Ravi** has been given additional charge of Meghalaya.
- British Prime Minister **Boris Johnson** has won the historic UK General Election as his **Conservative Party** crossed the magic number of 326 required for a majority in the Parliament.
- **Sridhar Patra** was appointed as the chairman-cum-managing director of **National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO)**. He is at present Director (Finance) in NALCO.
- The Laura **Alexandra Marsh**, England cricketer announced her retirement.
- The Union Government appointed a senior Gujarat Cadre IPS officer **Atul Karwal**, as

- Director of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy** in Hyderabad.
- **Devesh Srivastava** has been raised to the position of Chairman and Managing Director (MD) at the General Insurance Corporation India (GIC Re).
- Former High Court Judge Justice **CV Ramulu** has been appointed as the **Lokayukta of Telangana**. Former Law Secretary V Niranjan Rao has been appointed as **Upa Lokayukta**.

### Defence News

- A joint military training exercise “**SURYA KIRAN-XIV**” was held in Salijhandi, Rupendehi district of Nepal. The exercise was conducted between the armies of India and Nepal.
- India successfully conducted a developmental trial of the land-attack version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from Chandipur Integrated Test Range, off **Odisha coast**.
- The **Indian Navy**, in collaboration with Indian Coast Guard, Cochin Port Trust and all other concerned stakeholders, conducted a large-scale anti-hijacking exercise off the Port of Kochi.
- An upgraded version of the indigenously developed **Pinaka-guided** rocket system with enhanced strike range and guidance system was successfully test-fired from the **DRDO’s Proof and Experimental Establishment** firing test range off Odisha coast.

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## Science and Technology

- The **International Astronomical Union (IAU)** announced the names of the newly discovered stars and planets, where the name **"Sharjah"** was chosen for a star with **"Barjeel"** being the name of one of its planets.

## Awards and Recognitions

- **Tony-Ann Singh** of Jamaica was announced as the winner of the Miss World 2019 beauty pageant held at the ExCeL London.
- **Indian peacekeepers** have been recognized for their strong contribution to building peace in conflict-affected South Sudan as well as for going above and beyond their duties to support local communities.
- **Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir** has been selected for the national award by Union Rural Development Ministry for best performance in the implementation of **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)**.
- The **state police of Gujarat** were honoured with **'President's colours'**. The Gujarat police were presented with the **President's colours** by Vice President of India **Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu** in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- England cricketer **Ben Stokes** has been voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2019.

## Summit and Conference

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has chaired the first meeting of the National Ganga Council. The meeting was held in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- The **World Design Organization** is all set to launch its new **global programme World Design** Protopolis in Bengaluru. It is aimed at implementing holistic progress in megacities across the world and thus making them sustainable.

- **Rashtrapati Bhavan** hosted a conference of 46 Heads of Central Universities and Institutes of Higher Learning in several fields including agriculture, pharmaceuticals, aviation, design, petroleum and energy.
- The **5th meeting of the Economic Advisory Council (EAC)** of the **15th Finance Commission** was held in New Delhi.
- **Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla** inaugurated the **79th Conference of Presiding Officers of Legislative Bodies**. The conference was held in Dehradun.
- Union Minister of State for Home affairs inaugurate a National Conference on **'Uniformed Women in Prisons Administration'** begins in Central Academy for Police Training in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- Summit on **"Environmental Sustainability and Economic Development"** was held in Delhi.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** addresses **Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)** annual conference in Delhi. The theme of the event was 'New India Aspiring for a USD 5 trillion economy'. The event was organised on the completion of **100 years of ASSOCHAM**.

## Schemes and Committee

- The government announced **Rs 436 crore** outlay for skilling 4 lakh professionals in futuristic areas such as **artificial intelligence, blockchain, and cybersecurity** over the next 3 years.

## Sports News

- India opener **Smriti Mandhana** was named in both the International Cricket Council's ODI and T20 teams of the year. She has **Jhulan Goswami, Poonam Yadav and Shikha Pandey** for the company in the ODI team of the year and all-rounder **Deepti Sharma** in the T20 side.



- The Indian men's football team remained static at **108th spot** in the year-ending **FIFA rankings**.
- Indian weightlifter **Mirabai Chanu** won the women's **49kg category gold medal** to open India's account at the **6th Qatar International Cup in Doha**.
- **Belgium** has been crowned **FIFA 'Team of the Year'** for the second successive time after a record-breaking year for the global ladder.
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced that it has extended its partnership with **UNICEF** through to the **Women's T20 World Cup 2020** with the focus on empowering women and girls through cricket.

### Important Days

- The **International Migrants Day** is organized across the world on **18th December** to protect the rights of migrant workers and members of their families.
- **International Human Solidarity Day** is organized across the world on **20th December**.

### Obituaries

- **New Zealand's** 3-times Olympic middle-distance champion **Peter Snell** passed away.
- Veteran film actor **Danny Aiello**, known for his roles in the movies *Do The Right Thing* and *The Godfather Part II* passed away.
- Veteran actor **Shriram Lagoo** passed away. He played important role in the growth of theatre movement in Maharashtra in the post-Independence era.
- Bollywood actress **Gita Siddharth Kak** passed away. Her most well-known movies include *Garm Hava* (1973), *Parichay* (1972), *Gaman* (1978) among others.
- Former Union Minister **ID Swami** passed away. He served as the Union Minister of State

for Home Affairs in 1999 in former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government.

- Nationalist Congress Party's Kerala State President and former Minister **Thomas Chandy** passed away.
- Kannada writer and critic **L.S. Sheshagiri Rao** passed away. His first work was *Idu Jeevana*, an anthology of short stories was released in 1948.

### Miscellaneous News

- Search engine giant **Google** has revealed that its powerful mapping service, *Google Earth* now covers more than 98 per cent of the world, and has captured 10 million miles of Street View imagery, a distance that could circle the globe more than 400 times.
- **UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)**, has removed the 'Carnival of Aalst' of Belgium from its Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity List.
- In a unique approach, the **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** has started a dedicated matrimonial site for its staff. The website started will be managed by ITBP and only the staff will be able to access it.
- In Turkey, the main body of the **610-year-old Er-Rizk** mosque was removed from the town of **Hasankeyf** ahead of its submergence as part of a Ilisu dam project.

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### Static Takeaways

- UNESCO formation: 4 November 1946; UNESCO headquarters: Paris, France; UNESCO Director-General: Audrey Azoulay.
- Algeria Capital: Algiers; Algeria Prime Minister (PM): Nouredine Bedouia; Algeria Currency: Dinar.
- Minister of Coal and Minister of Mines: Pralhad Joshi.
- Edelweiss Capital Limited Headquarters: Mumbai; Founder: Rashesh Shah; Edelweiss Capital Limited founded: 1995.
- The International Council of Societies of Industrial Design was founded in 1957 from a group of international organizations focused on industrial design. It was renamed the World Design Organization in January 2017.
- Google CEO: Sundar Pichai; Founded: 4 September 1998.
- Sri Lanka Capitals: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte; Currency: Sri Lankan rupee; Prime minister: Mahinda Rajapaksa.
- Governor of Madhya Pradesh: Lal Ji Tandon.
- Governor of Haryana: Satyadeo Narayan Arya.
- United Nations Headquarters: New York, USA. It was founded on 24 October 1945.
- Secretary-General of the United Nations: Mr Antonio Guterres.
- Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir: Girish Chandra Murmu.
- The motto of Indian Army: "Service Before Self"; Headquarters: New Delhi; Commander-in-Chief: President Ram Nath Kovind.
- NABARD founded: 12 July 1982; NABARD Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra; NABARD Chairperson: Harsh Kumar Bhanwala.
- Chairman 15th Finance Commission: NK Singh.
- The ITBP was raised on October 24, 1962; DG of ITBP: Surjeet Singh Deswal.
- Commerce Secretary of India: Anup Wadhawan.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Kamal Nath.
- Governor of Madhya Pradesh: Lal Ji Tandon.
- Governor of Manipur: Najma Heptulla.
- Gujarat CM: Vijay Rupani; Governor: Acharya Dev Vrat.
- United Kingdom Capital: London.
- United Kingdom Currency: Pound sterling.
- NALCO is a Navratna Public Sector Enterprise under ministry of mines; NALCO Established: 7 January 1981; NALCO Headquarters: Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- England Capital: London; Currency: Pound sterling.
- SBI Chairperson: Rajnish Kumar; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 July 1955.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das, Headquarters: Mumbai, Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- Capital of Turkey: Ankara; Currency of Turkey: The Turkish lira.
- The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is being implemented in the country since 1 July 2017.
- Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman.
- Railway Minister: Piyush Goyal.
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Minister of Defence: Raj Nath Singh; Minister of External Affairs: Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.
- Governor of Odisha: Ganeshi Lal.
- Indian Coast Guard founded: 18 August 1978; Headquarters: New Delhi; Motto(s): Vayam Raks amah (We protect).
- Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Infosys: Salil Parekh; Headquarters: Bengaluru.
- Managing Director of HDFC Bank: Aditya Puri; Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Union Minister of State for Home affairs: Nityanand Rai.

- Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change: Prakash Javadekar.
- ICC CEO: Manu Sahney; Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Social Justice and Empowerment Minister: Thawarchand Gehlot.
- Union Minister for Electronics and IT: Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- Portugal Capital: Lisbon; Portugal Currency: Euro.
- DRDO Chairman: G Satheesh Reddy, Established: 1958, Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Meghalaya Capital: Shillong; Chief Minister: Conrad Sangma; Governor: Tathagata Roy.
- President of FIFA: Gianni Infantino; Founded: 21 May 1904; Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.
- Asian Development Bank Headquarters: Manila, Philippines, President: Takehiko Nakao.
- General Insurance Corporation India founded: 22 November 1972.
- General Insurance Corporation India Headquarters: Mumbai, India.
- International Astronomical Union Headquarters: Paris, France.
- International Astronomical Union Founded: 28 July 1919.
- CM of Telangana: K Chandrashekhar Rao; Capital of Telangana: Hyderabad; Governor of Telangana: Tamilisai Soundararajan.
- Qatar Capital: Doha; Currency: Qatari riyal.
- Ethiopia Capital: Addis Ababa; Currency: Birr.
- President of FIFA: Gianni Infantino; Founded: 21 May 1904; Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.
- Assocham President: B K Goenka; Headquarters: New Delhi; Est: 1921.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.

