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## WEEKLY ONE- LINERS SEP 24 - SEP 30

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### BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS

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- RBI announced that from October 3, rupee-denominated overseas bonds (masala bonds) will no longer form part of the limit for FPI (Foreign portfolio investors) investments in corporate bonds.
- ADB, Asian Development Bank has lowered India's growth forecast for this fiscal to 7 %.
- IDBI Bank has launched '**Project Nishchay**' along with The Boston Consulting Group (BCG) to accelerate its turnaround programme and improve financial performance.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched **The FTSE SBI Bond Index Series** at London Stock Exchange. It is India's first bond index series for overseas investors.
- SBI has lowered the minimum Average Monthly Balance required in a Savings Bank account to Rs.3000.
- ICICI launched a Cashback Home Loan Scheme, where 1 % cashback is offered on every EMI.

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### NEW APPOINTMENTS

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- **Rajiv Mehrishi**, who is Former Home Secretary, took over as the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.
- The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) will be headed by **Bibek Debroy** and Ratan Watal will serve as the principal adviser of the panel.
- **Shashi Shankar** was appointed as the CMD of oil producer ONGC, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.
- Professor **Royana Singh** has been appointed as the first woman Chief proctor of the Banaras Hindu university.

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## OBITUARIES

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- **Hugh Hefner**, the founder of Playboy magazine passed away.
- Veteran Actor Padma Shri **Tom Alter** passed away

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## HONOUR AND AWARDS

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- Maryna Viazovska of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, Switzerland has been selected for the 2017 **SASTRA Ramanujan Prize**.
- According to Platts Top 250 Global Energy Company Rankings of the year, India's Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has become world's third-biggest energy company.
- **Mahtab Bamji**, former Scientist of National Institute of Nutrition has been selected for the Living Legend Award of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS).
- In the list of Most Powerful Women in business outside the United States released by Fortune Magazine, **Chanda Kochar**, MD CEO of ICICI Bank has secured fifth place and **Shika Sharma**, MD CEO of Axis Bank secured the 21st place.
- Recognised Odiya poet and short story writer **Banaj Devi** is to receive the 38th edition of the prestigious **Sarala award** for her short story compilation Kathapua.
- **C.N.R Rao**, a famous scientist is chosen for the **Von Hippel Award** for his immense contribution in materials research.

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## IMPORTANT DAYS

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- International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons is observed in 26 September
- World Tourism day is celebrated annually on September 27.
- World Rabies Day is observed annually on September 28, to raise awareness about rabies prevention.
- September 28 is celebrated as the World Maritime Day, as announced by the International Maritime Organisation.

- International day for Universal Access to information, declared by UN, is celebrated on September 28, 2017.
- 30 September is celebrated annually as International Translation Day, as declared by UN.

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### **BOOKS AND AUTHORS:**

- **Mann Ki Baat: A Social Revolution on Radio'** by Shri Rajesh Jain is a compilation of Narendra Modi's addresses to the nation on radio every month under the programme 'Mann Ki Baat'.
- **The SherShah of Kargil**, the biography of Captain Vikram Batra is written by 21 year Deepak Surana.

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### **INDEX AND RANKING:**

- World Economic Forum (WEF) released the Global Competitiveness Report and India was placed at **40th spot** among 137 countries.
- According to World Nuclear Industry Status released in September 2017, India has been ranked **third in the world** with respect to with six installed nuclear reactors.
- As per recent "World Nuclear Industry status report" India is third in the world in the number of nuclear reactors being installed.

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### **MOUS AND PARTNERSHIPS:**

- Haryana ,a leading state in milk production is to receive the techniques and experience of Israel in milk production.
- India, Afghanistan and the US will conduct a joint trade and investment show in New Delhi.
- Maharashtra signed MoU with South Korea for increased cooperation in infrastructure projects.
- India and Norway has entered a bilateral partnership for cooperation in health sector.
- Air India tied up with Punjab National Bank and IndusInd Bank for securing loans to meet capital requirements.

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### **IMPORTANT NEWS- WORLD**

- Pakistan and Russia held a two-week long military exercise, the second edition of DRUZBA 2017 (Friendship-2017).
- A month-long Incredible India program in Cairo has been organised by the Embassy of India, Cairo.
- Japan's loan is to be used for 100 Billion Dollars DMIC ,Delhi-Mumbai Industrial corridor project.
- Angela Merkel won a fourth term as the Chancellor of Germany in the recently held elections.
- Joao Lourenco became the new president of Angola after 38 years.
- Saudi Arabia has allowed a decree allowing a women allowing to drive from June 2018.

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### IMPORTANT NEWS- INDIA

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- President Ram Nath Kovind launched "**Incredible India 2.0 Campaign**", "**Adopt a Heritage**" project on World Tourism Day.
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for implementation of umbrella scheme of "**Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF)**" for years 2017-18 to 2019-20.
- The Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 13th Formation Day of the **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)**.
- The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) of the Ministry of Women & Child Development has started a monthly "**Jan Sampark**" program.
- Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Shri Ram Vilas Paswan has launched the Web Portal of Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (**WDRA**) & "Electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (**e-NWR**) System"
- For effective implementation of National Child Labour Project, Home Minister Rajnath Singh launched **PENCIL Portal**.

- The Kandla Port of Gujarat has been renamed as **Deendayal Port** from 25th September 2017.
- A panel of **Economic advisors** to help the government to analyse and advise on key issues is constituted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana also called '**Saubhagya**', to provide electricity to four crore families in rural and urban areas by December 2018.

### **President of India appointed**

- Banwarilal Purohit as the Governor of Tamil Nadu,
- Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) as the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh,
- Satya Pal Malik as the Governor of Bihar,
- Jagdish Mukhi as the Governor of Assam and
- Ganga Prasad as the Governor of Meghalaya.

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### **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:**

- A new **interceptor boat V-409** built by Bharati Defence and infrastructure limited was launched at Mangalore.
- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched **Divyang Sarathi Mobile app**, to empower the physically challenged people.
- **INS Tarasa**, a Water Jet Fast Attack Craft intended for extended coastal and offshore surveillance and patrolling, was commissioned into the Indian Navy.
- ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission has completed three full years in orbit.
- Twitter announced a test project, where it allows 280 words in a tweet, from the existing 140 words.

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### **IMPORTANT NEWS- STATES**

- The Karnataka government has launched '**Vision-2025**' project, which aims at evolving a draft policy for development of the state in next seven years.
- The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Assam and NITI Aayog launched **SATH Program**, Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital.

- **Pradhan Mantri LPG Panchayat** under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana was launched at Isanpur-Mota village of Gujarat.
- **'Pralay Sahayam'**, a multi-agency exercise, was conducted on the banks of Hussain Sagar Lake in Hyderabad.
- The Ministry of Minority Affairs has organized **Hunar Haat** in Puducherry, to provide opportunity to master artisans.
- Odisha launched Sampurna Yojana for benefitting pregnant women.

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### SPORTS NEWS

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- 57th National Open Athletics Championships 2017 has commenced at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai.
- Mary Kom has become the first Indian to be picked as the International Boxing Association (AIBA) representative for IOC Athlete's forum.
- Indian Cricket Team becomes World Number 1, in both ICC ODI and Test Rankings.
- India is to host South Asian Boxing Championship at Guwahati, city of Assam.

