

Weekly One Liners 15th to 21st of September 2025

Emmy Awards 2025: Full List of Winners and Highlights

Major Series Awards

Category	Winner
Drama Series	Severance
Comedy Series	The Studio
Limited Series	Adolescence
Television Movie	Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy
Talk Series	Last Week Tonight With John Oliver
Reality Competition Program	The Traitors
Scripted Variety Series	Last Week Tonight With John Oliver

Acting Awards

Category	Winner
Lead Actress – Drama	Britt Lower, Severance
Lead Actor – Drama	Sterling K. Brown, Paradise
Supporting Actress – Drama	Katherine LaNasa, The Pitt
Supporting Actor – Drama	Tramell Tillman, Severance
Lead Actress – Comedy	Jean Smart, Hacks
Lead Actor – Comedy	Seth Rogen, The Studio
Supporting Actress – Comedy	Hannah Einbinder, Hacks
Supporting Actor – Comedy	Jeff Hiller, Somebody Somewhere
Lead Actress – Limited Series	Cristin Milioti, The Penguin
Lead Actor – Limited Series	Stephen Graham, Adolescence
Supporting Actress – Limited Series	Erin Doherty, Adolescence
Supporting Actor – Limited Series	Owen Cooper, Adolescence

Writing Awards

Category	Winner
Writing – Drama Series	Dan Gilroy, Andor
Writing – Comedy Series	Seth Rogen & Evan Goldberg, The Studio
Writing – Limited Series	Jack Thorne & Stephen Graham, Adolescence
Writing – Variety Series	Last Week Tonight With John Oliver

Directing Awards

Category	Winner
Directing – Drama Series	Adam Randall, Slow Horses
Directing – Comedy Series	Seth Rogen & Evan Goldberg, The Studio
Directing – Limited Series	Philip Barantini, Adolescence

Variety & Specials

Category	Winner
Variety Special (Live)	SNL50: The Anniversary Special

National Affairs

- **EPFO Officer Selected for World Bank Program:** Shri Vivekanand Gupta becomes first Indian participant in prestigious World Bank-Milken PFAM Program 2025-26 at Bayes Business School, London.
- **Seven New Sites Added to UNESCO List:** India adds Deccan Traps, Tirumala Hills, and Meghalayan Age Caves among seven natural heritage sites to UNESCO Tentative List, raising total to 69 properties.
- **India Establishes Strategic Satellite Station:** India and Mauritius agree to build a satellite tracking facility near Diego Garcia with ₹680 million development package to counter Chinese naval presence in the Indian Ocean.
- **Aadhaar Gets IRCTC Priority:** Railways reserves first 15 minutes of online ticket booking exclusively for Aadhaar-verified users from October 1 to combat fraudulent bookings worth ₹12.2 crore.
- **India's Largest Sports Complex Opens:** Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates ₹825 crore modern sports facility in Ahmedabad, targeting India's sporting excellence by 2047.
- **Shankar, the only African elephant in India, dies after 13 years of isolation.**
- **First Hilsa consignment from Bangladesh reaches India, but quantity lowest since 2019.**



- **India records 1% drop in CO₂ emissions from power sector in early 2025.**
- **Yatri Sewa Diwas 2025 launched to improve airport experience for passengers.**
- **India & FAO launch Smart Blue Ports project to modernize fishing harbours.**
- **The EC has updated EVM ballot papers to include color photos (with candidate faces in three-quarters space), uniform font, max 15 candidates per sheet, and NOTA last, rolling out first in Bihar elections.**
- **NaMo App launches a 15-day Seva Parv 2025 campaign with digital activities for PM Modi's birthday.**
- **MNRE unveils India's first National Geothermal Policy to tap 10 GW potential and align with Net Zero goals.**
- **Tirumala Hills, Erra Matti Dibbalu Enter UNESCO Tentative List:** Andhra Pradesh's sacred Tirumala Hills and unique Red Sand Dunes near Visakhapatnam have been included in UNESCO's World Heritage tentative list for protection.
- **Professor Pradeep Kumar Prajapati Becomes AIIA Director:** Former Vice-Chancellor of Rajasthan Ayurved University assumes charge as Director of All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi with five-year tenure.
- **Centre Appoints 35 Joint Secretaries:** Senior IAS officer Pawan Kumar Sharma becomes Deputy Election Commissioner while 35 officers get reshuffled across key ministries including Home Affairs and Atomic Energy.
- **Vishakha Mulye Named Aditya Birla Capital CEO:** Financial services veteran gets five-year term as MD & CEO starting September 1, 2025, reinforcing company's digital transformation strategy.
- **The Election Commission has de-listed 474 unrecognised political parties** for not contesting elections since 2019 and is investigating **359 more** for financial non-compliance.
- **India is commemorating 60 years of the 1965 Indo-Pak war,** honouring **veterans** and reaffirming **national sovereignty**.
- **IRDAI is launching Bima Sugam, a one-stop digital insurance platform** to simplify access, policy management, and claims starting **December 2025**.

States in the News

- **Justice M Sundar Takes Charge:** Justice M. Sundar sworn in as 10th Chief Justice of Manipur High Court by Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla on September 15, 2025.
- **Acharya Devvrat Becomes Maharashtra Governor:** Former Gujarat Governor takes additional charge as Maharashtra Governor after C.P. Radhakrishnan's resignation following Vice-President election.
- **PM Modi Launches Major Assam Projects:** Prime Minister inaugurates Bioethanol Plant and lays foundation for Polypropylene Unit in Golaghat as part of ₹18,000 crore investment push.
- **Purnia Airport Opens in Bihar:** PM Modi inaugurates interim terminal and launches ₹36,000 crore development projects including thermal power plant and river linking initiative.

- **Manipur Celebrates Hathei Chilli Festival:** 14th Sirarakhong festival promotes GI-tagged local crop with cultural performances, farmer meets, and tree plantation under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' initiative.
- **Pimpri-Chinchwad hosts Maharashtra's largest Dhol-Tasha event** to honor the **180-ft Statue of Sambhaji Maharaj**.
- **PM Modi inaugurates PM Mitra Park in Dhar** to boost **textile manufacturing, exports, and women empowerment**.
- **Tamil Nadu has issued ID cards to over 5 lakh SHG women,** enabling **loan benefits** and **travel concessions**, aiming to **empower women**.
- **Tamil Nadu launches 'Anbu Karangal'** to support orphaned children.

International Affairs

- **US-Korea-Japan Military Exercise Begins:** Freedom Edge joint air and naval exercise launched near Jeju Island on September 15 to counter North Korean nuclear threats.
- **Albania Appoints AI Cabinet Minister:** Country becomes first globally to unveil "Diella", an AI-powered virtual minister overseeing public procurement and digital services.
- **US Fed cuts interest rate by 25 bps, signaling start of easing cycle.**
- **Saudi Arabia and Pakistan sign mutual defence pact amid West Asia tensions.**
- **Australia raises emissions reduction target to 62% by 2035.**
- **South Korea and the US commit to a three-stage denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula** despite North Korea's resistance.
- **India-Norway Maritime Security Dialogue:** First-ever Maritime Security, Disarmament, and Non-Proliferation Dialogue held in Oslo focusing on secure maritime environment and economic growth.
- **India and Canada agreed to resume trade talks and enhance cooperation** in areas like **defence, energy, and critical minerals**.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **India-ILO Skills Recognition MoU:** Partnership aims to develop International Reference Classification of Occupations, enhancing global skill comparability for Indian youth employment opportunities.
- **IIT Kanpur, Vietnam National University sign MoU to boost AI research.**
- **India Post to sell BSNL SIMs and recharges through 1.65 lakh post offices nationwide.**
- **Oil India signed MoUs with Hindustan Copper and RVUNL for critical minerals and 1.2 GW renewable energy projects** in Rajasthan.

Books and Authors

- **Rocket Dreams Exposes Space Race:** Christian Davenport's book reveals billionaire rivalries between Musk's SpaceX and Bezos' Blue Origin driving today's space industry.
- **Kashmir Stories Collection Released:** Ipsita Chakravarty's "Dapaan" uses oral memory and folklore to capture Kashmiri survival under decades of conflict.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **RBI Launches Currency Education Portal:** Reserve Bank unveils new microsite <https://indiancurrency.rbi.org.in> with 360-degree note views, multimedia resources and interactive games for public awareness.
- **Kotak811 Achieves Global Banking Success:** App ranks 3rd worldwide in downloads during H1 2025 with 250% YoY growth, serving 2.6 crore users despite earlier RBI restrictions.
- **PNB Extends Executive Director Term:** Shri M. Paramasivam's tenure extended until March 31, 2027, effective September 15, 2025.
- **EPFO launches 'Passbook Lite' for faster and simpler access to account info.**
- **UPI increases daily P2M limit to ₹10 lakh** for select merchant categories; P2P remains at ₹1 lakh.
- **SEBI introduces SWAGAT-FI** to simplify long-term foreign investment through faster digital onboarding.
- **SBI sells 13.18% stake in Yes Bank to Japan's SMBC** for ₹8,889 crore as part of a strategic deal.
- **RBI forms a Regulatory Review Cell (RRC) and Advisory Group** to periodically revise banking regulations.
- India is projected to grow at **6.5% GDP** in FY25, remaining the **fastest-growing major economy**, per S&P.
- **PhonePe received RBI approval** to operate as an **online payment aggregator**, expanding services for **SMEs and underserved businesses**.
- **Apollo Tyres Wins Cricket Sponsorship:** Secures ₹579 crore BCCI deal as Team India's lead sponsor for 121 bilateral matches and 21 ICC games, replacing Dream11.
- **Myntra-Ganguly Launch Ethnic Brand:** Partnership creates 'Souragya' premium Bengali festive wear line targeting Durga Puja season market.
- **India's WPI Inflation Rises to 0.52%:** Wholesale Price Index rebounds to positive territory in August 2025 from -0.58% year ago, driven by higher food and manufactured goods prices.
- **India's Trade Deficit Narrows:** August deficit drops to \$26.49 billion from July's \$27.35 billion as US tariffs impact exports to \$35.1 billion and imports to \$61.59 billion.
- **Unemployment Rate Drops:** India's jobless rate falls to 5.1% in August 2025 with improved male participation at 5.0% and rising female workforce participation.
- Japan's R&I upgraded **India's sovereign credit rating to BBB+**, citing **strong domestic demand, fiscal discipline, and economic stability**.

Appointments/Resignations

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- **Amit Khare Named VP Secretary:** Retired IAS officer and PM advisor appointed Secretary to Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan for three-year contract term.
- **World Bank Names EAP Vice President:** Carlos Felipe Jaramillo appointed Vice President for East Asia and Pacific, managing US\$32 billion portfolio from Singapore hub.
- **UN Women Leadership Continues:** Dr. Sima Bahous begins second term as Executive Director, pledging to strengthen gender equality and implement Strategic Plan 2026-2029.
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- **IMF Chief Kristalina Georgieva proposed Daniel Katz as First Deputy Managing Director**, bringing deep **US Treasury experience**.

Defence News

- **Indian Navy Receives Second ASW Craft 'Androth':** Garden Reach Shipbuilders delivers 77-meter Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft with over 80% indigenous content on September 13, 2025.
- **India to Host 5th Coast Guard Summit in 2027:** Chennai selected to host Coast Guard Global Summit coinciding with Indian Coast Guard's Golden Jubilee celebrations.
- **DSC A22 Diving Support Craft Launched:** Third Diving Support Craft under 5-ship project successfully launched at Titagarh, Kolkata by Titagarh Rail Systems for Indian Navy.
- **Historic All-Women Tri-Service Sailing Voyage:** Defense Minister flags off world's first circumnavigation expedition 'Samudra Pradakshina' with 10 women officers covering 26,000 nautical miles.
- **INS Nistar Joins Pacific Exercise:** India's latest indigenously designed Diving Support Vessel participates in multinational Exercise Pacific Reach 2025 in Singapore.
- **Armed Forces Conference Opens:** PM Modi inaugurates 16th Combined Commanders' Conference in Kolkata focusing on military modernization and joint operations.
- **IAF Reviews ₹2 Lakh Crore Rafale Deal:** Proposal for 114 Made-in-India fighter jets with 60% local content under Dassault Aviation partnership, including Hyderabad MRO hub.

- **Military Education Reform:** India announces merger of tri-services education branches into unified corps for streamlined training.
- **IDSE Anniversary:** Infantry Directorate of Staff Education celebrates 76th Raising Day, emphasizes defense infrastructure development role.
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Awards and Recognitions

- **Muzaffarpur Tops Innovation Contest:** Bihar district ranks first nationally in Inspire Award 2025 with 7,403 student submissions, surpassing Bengaluru and Lucknow.
- **Baba Kalyani Receives ASME Holley Medal:** Bharat Forge Chairman honored for outstanding engineering innovation with significant public benefit in advanced manufacturing and supply chain resilience.
- **BEE introduces a new NECA 2025 award for influencers** promoting energy efficiency via digital content.
- **2025 Primetime Emmy Awards Winners:** 77th Emmy Awards celebrated on September 14 with major wins for Seth Rogen, Cristin Milioti, Jean Smart, and shows like Severance and The Studio.
- Neeraj Ghaywan's **"Homebound"** is India's official Oscar entry for **Best International Feature**, with global acclaim and **Martin Scorsese** as EP.



Summits and Conferences News

- India will host **AI Impact Summit 2026**, with finalized **DPDP rules**, aiming to strengthen **AI infrastructure** and **digital innovation**.

Ranks and Reports

- India ranks **#38 globally** and **#1 among lower-middle-income nations** in **GII 2025**, showing consistent innovation growth.
- **Millionaire Cities:** Seven Tier-II cities including Surat and Lucknow emerge as new millionaire hubs showing economic growth.

Sports News

- **Mohammed Siraj Wins ICC Award:** Indian pacer named ICC Men's Player of August 2025 for match-winning nine-wicket haul in England Test series.
- **India Makes Speed Skating History:** Anandkumar Velkumar wins country's first-ever gold at Speed Skating World Championships, clocking 1:24.924 in men's 1000m.
- **Samuel Umtiti Announces Retirement:** Former Barcelona defender and 2018 World Cup winner retires at 31 due to persistent knee injuries after decorated career.
- **Indian Chess Stars Win FIDE Titles:** Anish Giri and Vaishali Rameshbabu claim 2025 Grand Swiss championships, securing 2026 Candidates Tournament spots.
- **Central Zone Claims Duleep Trophy:** Team defeats South Zone comprehensively after 11 years under captain Rajat Patidar's leadership with massive 511-run total.
- **Marium Fatima becomes Bihar's first Woman FIDE Master in chess.**
- **Jaismine Lamboria Wins World Boxing Gold:** Indian boxer creates history by winning 57kg category gold at World Boxing Championships 2025 in Liverpool, defeating Poland's Julia Szeremeta 4-1.
- **India Beats Switzerland in Davis Cup:** Team India defeats Switzerland 3-1 in World Group I tie at Biel, qualifying for 2026 Davis Cup with Sumit Nagal sealing victory.
- **Asian Cadet Cup 2025** began in **Uttarakhand**, with 250+ athletes; CM Dharami emphasized **youth sports development** and **global aspirations**.
- **Arshdeep Singh** reached **100 T20I wickets** in just **64 matches**, becoming India's leading T20I wicket-taker with a stellar bowling average.

Schemes and Committees News

- **Child Welfare Program:** Tamil Nadu launches 'Anbu Karangal' comprehensive support scheme for orphaned children's welfare.

Science and Technology News

- **India Hosts 89th IEC General Meeting:** New Delhi's Bharat Mandapam welcomes over 2,000 experts from 100+ countries for International Electrotechnical Commission meeting from September 15-19, 2025.
- **Sentient AI** launches an **open AGI network** for **2 million users**, enabling decentralized AI collaboration.
- **Space Mission Update:** ISRO announces AI robot Vyommitra will be launched on uncrewed Gaganyaan mission for space exploration.
- **Audit Modernization:** Comptroller and Auditor General to deploy AI-based audit system for enhanced modern oversight capabilities.

Important Days News

- **Engineers Day 2025 Celebrated:** September 15 marks Engineers' Day honoring Sir M. Visvesvaraya with theme "Deep Tech & Engineering Excellence: Driving India's Techade."
- **International Day of Democracy 2025:** September 15 observance focuses on theme "Achieving Gender Equality, Action by Action" promoting inclusive democratic governance globally.
- **World Patient Safety Day 2025:** September 17 theme "Safe Care for Every Newborn and Child" emphasizes pediatric healthcare safety and reducing medical errors globally.
- **World Ozone Day 2025:** September 16 observance with theme "From Science to Global Action" commemorates 40 years of Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol success.
- **World Bamboo Day** observed on **18 Sept** with theme "Next Generation Bamboo" highlighting design, innovation, and sustainability.

- **Vishwakarma Puja** celebrated on **17 Sept**, honoring the **divine engineer** with **tool worship** by artisans and workers.
- **Equal Pay Day:** International Equal Pay Day observed on September 18th to address global gender pay gap issues.
- **Pirate Day Celebration:** International Talk Like a Pirate Day on September 19th celebrates playful pirate-speak tradition worldwide.
- **International Day of Democracy 2025:** September 15 observance focuses on theme "Achieving Gender Equality, Action by Action" promoting inclusive democratic governance globally.
- **International Red Panda Day on 20th Septemebr** highlights urgent **conservation efforts** for the **endangered Himalayan red panda**, with fewer than **10,000 left**.

Obituaries News

- **Bharatanatyam Legend Passes Away:** Sarada Hoffman, foundational Kalakshetra guru and Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee, dies at 96 in California on September 14.
- Legendary actor-director **Robert Redford** dies at **89**, remembered for contributions to **cinema and activism**.
- **Former Meghalaya CM D.D. Lapang Dies:** Respected political leader who served as Chief Minister four times between 1992-2008 passes away at 91 in Shillong, remembered for consensus-building.
- **Boxing Legend Ricky Hatton Dies:** British world champion boxer "The Hitman" dies at 46 with legacy of 45 wins in 48 bouts, remembered for mental health advocacy.
- **Zubeen Garg**, Assamese music legend, died at **52** in a **scuba diving accident**, remembered for hits like "Ya Ali" and his massive **cultural legacy**.

Static Takeaways

Acronym	Full Form	Established / Founded	Headquarters	Key Function / Role	Current Head / Authority
EPFO	Employee Provident Fund Organisation	1952 (EPF Act)	New Delhi	Provides retirement benefits, manages provident fund, pension, and insurance schemes for Indian workers.	Central PF Commissioner (as of 2025: Neelam Shami Rao)
IRDAI	Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India	1999 (IRDA Act)	Hyderabad, Telangana	Regulates and promotes the insurance industry, ensures policyholder protection.	Chairperson: Ajay Seth
MNRE	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy	1992	New Delhi	Nodal ministry for planning and implementation of renewable energy projects like solar, wind, biomass, etc.	Cabinet Minister: Pralhad Joshi (as of 2025)

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SEBI	Securities and Exchange Board of India	1988 (Statutory: 1992)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Regulates stock markets, protects investors, ensures transparency in securities trading.	Chairperson: Tuhin Kanta Pandey
WPI	Wholesale Price Index	Introduced in 1942	Compiled by the Office of Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce & Industry	Measures inflation at wholesale level based on the prices of goods traded in bulk.	Base year: 2011-12
UPI	Unified Payments Interface	2016 (by NPCI)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Real-time digital payment system enabling instant money transfer via mobile.	Overseen by RBI & NPCI CEO: Dilip Asbe
ISRO	Indian Space Research Organisation	1969	Bengaluru, Karnataka	India's premier space agency responsible for satellite launches, space exploration, and research.	Chairman: Dr. V. Narayanan
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	1945	Paris, France	Promotes education, science, culture, and world heritage.	Director-General: Audrey Azoulay
FIDE	Fédération Internationale des Échecs (World Chess Federation)	1924	Lausanne, Switzerland	Governing body of international chess competitions.	President: Arkady Dvorkovich
ICC	International Cricket Council	1909 (as Imperial Cricket Conference, renamed 1989)	Dubai, UAE	Governs international cricket tournaments, formats, and rules.	Chairman: Jay Shah

Key Notes for Competitive Exams

- **EPFO** is under the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- **IRDAI** ensures insurance companies operate fairly.
- **MNRE** implements schemes like the **National Solar Mission**.
- **SEBI** regulates IPOs, stock exchanges, and securities markets.
- **WPI** is different from **CPI (Consumer Price Index)**, which measures retail inflation.
- **UPI** is one of the fastest-growing digital payment platforms globally.
- **ISRO** has major missions like **Chandrayaan** and **Gaganyaan**.
- **UNESCO** declares **World Heritage Sites** (India has 42 as of 2025).
- **FIDE** conducts World Chess Championships and ranks players.
- **ICC** organizes **Cricket World Cup**, **T20 World Cup**, **Champions Trophy**, etc.

