

Weekly One Liners 20th to 26th of October 2025

National Affairs

- The Law Ministry raised notary limits in Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, and Nagaland under the Notaries (Amendment) Rules, 2025, effective from October 17, 2025, to meet growing legal service demands.
- The **Union Government** released ₹730 crore under the **15th Finance Commission** grants to **Gujarat and Haryana** for strengthening **Rural Local Bodies**. Gujarat received ₹522.2 crore, Haryana got ₹195.13 crore, aimed at improving **sanitation, water supply, and local governance**.
- India ranks **9th in total forest area** and **3rd in annual forest gain**, as per **GFRA 2025 (FAO)**. The rise reflects the success of **afforestation policies**, campaigns like 'Ek Ped Ma Ke Naam', and strong **community participation**.
- NHAI will deploy AI-driven 3D laser Network Survey Vehicles (NSVs) across **23 states** to detect road defects and improve **highway maintenance**.
- Sacred 'Jore Sahib' Yatra Begins**: The sacred footwear of Guru Gobind Singh and Mata Sahib Kaur, preserved for over 300 years by Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri's family, embarked on the Guru Charan Yatra from Delhi to Takht Sri Patna Sahib (October 23 - November 1, 2025), passing through Faridabad, Agra, Lucknow, and Varanasi before permanent enshrinement.
- India Launches National Drug Licensing System**: Following tragic cough syrup deaths, India's CDSCO launched the Online National Drug Licensing System (ONDLS) to digitally monitor pharmaceutical solvents with real-time batch tracking and strict verification to prevent toxic contamination like diethylene glycol in medicines.

States in the News

- The **Bathou religion** of Assam's Bodo community received a **separate code in the upcoming Census**, recognizing it as a distinct faith.
- Manipur celebrates **Ningol Chakouba**, a festival strengthening brother-sister bonds, with a grand **fish curry feast** and cultural events.
- Andhra Pradesh CM Naidu visits UAE to promote **green energy, digital infrastructure**, and secured a ₹100 crore donation for a public library.
- Kerala will be declared **extreme poverty-free** by Nov 1, 2025, due to successful **poverty eradication** and strong social programs.
- Chennai launched a **Real-Time Flood Forecasting** system over key river basins, enhancing flood preparedness with **World Bank** support.

- Centre proposes applying **Article 371** in Ladakh to safeguard local laws and culture amidst ongoing **statehood discussions**.
- Ayodhya Creates Guinness Records**: Uttar Pradesh set two Guinness World Records at Deepotsav 2025 by lighting 26,17,215 oil lamps along the Saryu River and assembling 2,128 priests and devotees for a simultaneous Maa Saryu Aarti, featuring laser shows, Ram Leela performances, and drone displays.
- Maharashtra Beaches Get Blue Flag Certification**: Five Maharashtra beaches—Shrivardhan, Nagaon, Parnaka, Guhagar, and Ladghar—earned the prestigious international Blue Flag certification from Denmark's Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), meeting 33 strict criteria on cleanliness, sustainability, water quality, and safety.
- Kerala Plans First Underwater Tunnel**: Kerala will build its first underwater tunnel connecting Vypin and Fort Kochi, reducing travel distance from 16 km to 3 km beneath the Arabian Sea, with the ₹2,672 crore twin-tube tunnel (2.75 km long, 35 meters below sea level) expected to be completed by September 2027.

International Affairs

- The U.S. and Australia signed an **\$8.5 billion critical minerals deal** to reduce dependence on China and strengthen supply chains, focusing on lithium, nickel, and rare earths.
- India and Brazil formed a **strategic trade and technology alliance**, aiming to boost bilateral cooperation and economic growth.
- Sanae Takaichi became **Japan's first female Prime Minister**, pledging to revive Abenomics-style economic reforms and strengthen Japan's global standing.



- India upgraded its **Technical Mission in Kabul** to a full **Embassy**, showing commitment to **Afghanistan's development**. **EAM Jaishankar** pledged support in **healthcare, terrorism cooperation, and development projects**.
- **Rodrigo Paz** won the **Bolivian presidential election** with **54.5% votes**, ending **20 years of socialist rule**. He promotes **market reforms, tax cuts, and economic stabilization** amid a **deep economic crisis**.
- To counter **rising crime**, **President Jose Jeri** declared a **30-day emergency** in **Lima and Callao**, allowing **armed forces** to assist police in restoring **public order**.
- Saudi Arabia ended the exploitative **Kafala system**, granting migrant workers **job freedom** and improved **legal rights**.
- New Zealand plans to ban social media for **under-16s**, requiring **age verification** to protect youth from **mental health risks**.
- **Tuvalu Joins IUCN as 90th Member**: Tuvalu became the 90th State Member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), gaining access to a global network to combat climate change, sea-level rise, and biodiversity loss while strengthening conservation efforts in its vast marine-rich Exclusive Economic Zone.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- Coal India and IIT Madras signed an MoU to create a **Sustainable Energy Centre** focusing on **clean energy** and **low-carbon technologies**.
- Government of India (GOI) partnered with the **Government of Nigeria** to establish the first Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) **campus** in Nigeria, marking a significant step in bilateral collaboration in the field of education.

Books and Authors

- Union Minister **Rajnath Singh**, Ministry of Defence (MoD), released the book titled **"Civil-Military Fusion as a Metric of National Power and Comprehensive Security"**, authored by Lieutenant General (**Lt Gen**) **Raj Shukla** (Retired) at the event held at the United Service Institution of India (USI) in New Delhi, Delhi.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Governor **Acharya Devvrat** released a book titled **"Modi's Mission"** authored by **Berjis Desai**, a renowned lawyer and former journalist, at an event held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- India's **retail sector** clocked **₹5.4 lakh crore** in goods and **₹65,000 crore** in services sales during **Navratri to Diwali**, a **25% increase** over last year, driven by **GST rate cuts** on key items.
- India's **net FDI** fell 159% in August 2025, reflecting higher **outflows** than inflows but remains above last year's total.
- In October 2025, Ageas Federal Life Insurance Company Limited (**AFLIC**) partnered with **CSB Bank Limited** in a Small and Medium Enterprises (**SME**) **Bancassurance** tie-up to provide life insurance solutions to SMEs and individual entrepreneurs across India.
- In October 2025, the Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) has signed a **USD 3 billion** sovereign Exposure Exchange Agreement (**EEA**) with the World Bank (**WB**) to increase the lending capacity of ADB for its developing member nations.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**)-constituted working group headed by **Rama Subramaniam (R.S) Gandhi**, former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has proposed increasing transaction charges for clearing corporations such as NSE Clearing Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange (NSE). However, SEBI clarified that broker charges will remain unchanged.
- **New Nomination Rules Effective November 1**: Key nomination provisions under the Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 will take effect from November 1, allowing bank customers to make up to four nominations for deposit accounts, safe custody items, and safety lockers with simultaneous or successive nomination options.
- **NPCI Launches AI-Powered 'UPI Help'**: The National Payments Corporation of India introduced "UPI Help," an AI-powered assistant integrated with the UDIR dispute resolution framework to provide real-time support for payment queries, mandate management, and grievance redressal, initially available via select bank portals and DigiSaathi chatbot.
- **UPI Introduces Mutual Fund Payment Feature**: India's UPI launched the 'Pay With Mutual Fund' feature allowing users to make real-time payments directly from liquid mutual fund holdings (supported by ICICI Prudential and Bajaj Finserv AMC), offering instant liquidity and 6-7% potential returns without transferring funds to bank accounts first.
- **SBI Wins Global Finance Awards**: State Bank of India received two Global Finance awards—'World's Best Consumer Bank 2025' and 'Best Bank in India 2025'—recognizing its excellence in innovation and customer service while serving 520 million customers and adding 65,000 new users daily through its flagship mobile app.

- **Adani's Godda Plant Gets Grid Connection Approval:** Government of India approved Adani Power Limited's 1,600 MW Godda Ultra Super Critical Thermal Power Plant in Jharkhand for national grid connection via Line-In Line-Out arrangement, allowing the Bangladesh-export plant to supply power domestically with 25-year validity.
- **Deloitte Forecasts 6.7-6.9% GDP Growth:** Deloitte India projects India's GDP growth at 6.7-6.9% in FY26, driven by strong domestic demand, policy reforms, and low inflation that boosts consumer spending, aligned with RBI's 6.8% estimate despite global trade uncertainties and core inflation above 4%.

Appointments/Resignations

- Former Accenture CTO Karthik Narain appointed Google Cloud's **Chief Product and Business Officer** to drive AI and cloud growth.
- Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra was conferred honorary rank of **Lieutenant Colonel** in the Territorial Army.
- Delhi High Court Judge Prathiba Singh appointed as Chair of **WIPO Advisory Board of Judges** for 2025-27.

Defence News

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a **₹1,000 crore Titanium and Superalloy Plant** in Lucknow to boost India's self-reliance in defense materials.
- **INS Sahyadri** joined the **India-Japan Maritime Exercise (JAIMEX 25)** in Yokosuka from **October 16-17**, along with **Japanese naval and air forces**. The exercise aims to enhance **tactical cooperation** and **regional stability**, highlighting the growing **defense ties** under the **India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership**.
- Indian Army forms **25 Bhairav Battalions**, elite units for **rapid strikes**, counter-insurgency, and **cross-border operations**.



- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in 'Ocean Sky 2025', a multinational air combat exercise which is being hosted by the Spanish Air Force from October 20 to October 31, 2025 at Gando Air Base in the Canary Islands in Spain.

Awards and Recognitions

- **Masako Nozawa**, known for voicing Son **Goku** in **Dragon Ball**, became the first voice actor to receive Japan's prestigious **Person of Cultural Merit** award for her decades-long contribution to anime and culture.
- The **SAIME model** from **Sundarbans** won **FAO Global Recognition** for promoting **sustainable shrimp farming, mangrove conservation, and climate-adaptive livelihoods**.
- **4th** edition of Global Fintech Awards (**GFA 2025**) were announced during the Global Fintech Fest(**GFF 2025**) held at Jio World Centre (JWC) in Mumbai(Maharashtra), honoring outstanding trailblazers for their exceptional contributions to the **fintech ecosystem**.
- Ministry of Women and Child Development (**MoWCD**), has been awarded for its exceptional contribution towards the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri – Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (**PM-JANMAN**) scheme.
- In October 2025, Indian-origin historian **Sunil Amrith** has won the 2025 British Academy Book Prize for the book– "**The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years**".
- **Sunil Amrith Wins British Academy Prize:** Indian-origin historian Sunil Amrith won the 2025 British Academy Book Prize (worth £25,000) for "The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years," tracing five centuries of environmental change shaped by colonization, industrialization, and human activity.

Summits and Conferences News

- At the **8th Codex Committee session**, standards for **vanilla, large cardamom, and coriander** were finalized. The **Codex panel**, led by India, now covers **19 spices**, ensuring **food safety and fair trade** globally.
- Union Minister of State(MoS) **Jitin Prasada**, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology(MeitY) and Ministry of Commerce and Industry(MoC&I) inaugurated the **Uttarakhand AI Impact Summit 2025** at Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The summit united policymakers, industry leaders, startups, and academia to explore AI's role in sustainable development, governance, and entrepreneurship.

Ranks and Reports

- The Mines Ministry launched the **State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI)** to assess and rank states on mineral governance and transparency; **Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Gujarat** led among mineral-rich states.
- On October 21, 2025, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) released a report titled **“Global Forest Resource Assessment (GFRA) 2025”**. As per the report, **India ranks 9th** globally with 72.74 million hectares (Mha) of forest cover, representing 2% of the world’s total forests, up from 10th in the previous assessment. **Russian Federation** ranks first globally with **832.6** Mha, accounting for 20% of the world’s forests, followed by Brazil(486.08 Mha) and Canada(368.81 Mha).

Sports News

- Morocco** defeated **Argentina 2-0** to win their first-ever **U-20 World Cup**, becoming the first African team since 2009 to do so.
- Max Verstappen** won the **US Grand Prix**, narrowing the championship gap to 40 points and intensifying the F1 title race.
- Goa CM unveiled the official **logo and anthem** of the FIDE World Cup 2025 chess tournament hosted in Goa. **Anthem: ‘It’s Your Move’** by Daler Mehndi. The logo is designed to reflect Goa’s identity and the spirit of chess. It consists of three trapezoidal panels.
- The **11th** edition of the **World Para Powerlifting Championships 2025** was held at **Cairo, Egypt** from **11 to 18 October 2025**, marking the first-ever World Championships held in Africa. The event took place at the Egypt International Olympic Games City, New Administrative Capital, with 537 athletes from 70 countries, including all Paralympic champions from the Paris 2024 Games. China claimed its fifth consecutive and sixth overall title as the leading nation in Para Powerlifting.
- Indian Junior Men’s Hockey Team clinched a Silver Medal after losing narrowly by 2-1 to Australia in the final match of the 13th edition of Sultan of Johor Cup held at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium in Johor Bahru(JB), Malaysia. This marked India’s 5th Silver at the Sultan of Johor Cup after 2012, 2015, 2018 and 2019.
- Indian former sport shooter and Olympic Gold medalist **Abhinav Bindra** appointed as torchbearer for the **Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics**, scheduled to be held from February 6 to 22, 2026, in Milan and Cortina d’Ampezzo, Italy.
- Morocco** national football team clinched the International Federation of Association Football (**FIFA**) **U-20 World Cup title** by defeating **Argentina** national football team by **2-0** in the final match held at Estadio Nacional Julio Martinez Pradanos in Santiago, Chile.

- India Re-Elected Vice-Chair of Anti-Doping Bureau:** India was re-elected as Vice-Chairperson of the COP10 Bureau for 2025-2027 at the 10th Session of the International Convention against Doping in Sport held in Paris, participating with over 190 nations and contributing to discussions on governance, compliance, and emerging challenges like gene manipulation.
- Rohit Sharma Becomes India's 3rd-Highest ODI Scorer:** Rohit Sharma surpassed Sourav Ganguly to become India's third-highest ODI run-getter with 11,249 runs in 275 matches including 32 centuries, scoring a steady 73 runs off 97 balls in the second ODI against Australia, trailing only Sachin Tendulkar (18,426 runs) and Virat Kohli (14,181 runs).

Schemes and Committees News

- The **UDAN scheme**, launched in 2016, completed **9 years**, enabling **1.56 crore passengers** through **649 routes**. It enhanced **regional connectivity**, with future plans to target **hilly and NE regions**, including **30 water aerodromes**.
- Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (**DoAFW**), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW), revised the guidelines for ‘Per Drop More Crop (**PDMC**) **scheme**’, with an aim to promote efficient water use and raise the income of farmers. The revised guidelines enable more flexibility for States and Union Territories (UTs) to take up micro-level water storage and conservation projects under the **“Other Interventions”** (OI) category.
- IndiaAI Mission** under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in collaboration with the World Health Organization (**WHO**), announced a **global call for abstracts** on impactful applications(app) of Artificial Intelligence (**AI**) in **health systems**.
- Kerala Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) with the Central Government (**CG**) for the Prime Minister’s Schools for Rising India (**PM SHRI**) Scheme, a national initiative aimed at improving the quality of education in government schools.

Science and Technology News

- ISRO’s **Chandrayaan-2** detected how solar storms (CMEs) affect the Moon’s exosphere, providing new insights into lunar space weather.
- India developed its **first indigenous antibiotic ‘Nafithromycin’** and achieved success in **gene therapy for Hemophilia**, marking a major biotech milestone.
- OpenAI launched **ChatGPT Atlas**, an **AI browser for macOS** with **contextual help, memory, and Agent mode** that can **act on commands** (e.g., filling forms). Windows and mobile versions coming soon.

- **India** and the **UK** have launched the **Ramanujan Junior Researchers Programme**, a **DST-backed research fellowship** allowing young **Indian physicists and mathematicians** to conduct **joint research** at the **London Institute for Mathematical Sciences (LIMS)**.
- India has surpassed **\$20 billion** in **cumulative and new AI investment commitments** as of 2025, marking a major step towards becoming a **global AI leader**.

Important Days News

- **World Menopause Day** is observed every year on **October 18th** to raise awareness about menopause and support options for women's health. **2025 Theme** : "Lifestyle Medicine in Menopausal Health"
- **World Osteoporosis Day (WOD)** is observed every year across the globe on **October 20** to raise global awareness of the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of Osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease. **2025 theme**: "It's Unacceptable!"
- **National Solidarity Day** is observed every year on **October 20 in India** to honour soldiers who died in the 1962 Indo-China War, which started on October 20, 1962, and ended on November 21, 1962.
- **Global Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) Prevention Day** or **World Iodine Day** is observed annually across the globe on **October 21** to create awareness about iodine and its usage among the people.
- **Bandi Chhor Divas**, celebrated on **October 21, 2025**, marks **Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji's release** and symbolizes freedom and justice.
- **Police Commemoration Day**, observed on **October 21**, honors the **1959 sacrifice of 10 policemen** killed in Ladakh by Chinese troops. Held at the **National Police Memorial** in New Delhi, it features tributes, parades, and ceremonies.
- **Bestu Varas**, the **Gujarati New Year**, falls on **22 October 2025**, a day after **Diwali**. It marks new **business beginnings** and **spiritual renewal**, celebrated with **Chopda Pujan**, **temple visits**, and "**Saal Mubarak**" greetings.
- **Govardhan Puja**, celebrated after Diwali, commemorates **Lord Krishna lifting Govardhan Hill**. Devotees offer **Chappan Bhog**, perform **Parikrama**, and worship **cow dung replicas** of the hill.
- **World Snow Leopard Day (WSLD)**, also known as International Snow Leopard Day, is observed globally on **23rd October** each year to raise awareness about the conservation of the **Snow Leopard (Panthera uncia)**. **2025 Theme** : "Protecting the Mountain Guardian"
- Every year, **24th October** is celebrated as **United Nations Day** across the world. The day marks the **anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Organisation (UNO)** in 1945. It serves as a reminder of the UN's continuous efforts toward **global peace, human rights, and sustainable development**.

- **World Polio Day** is observed every year on **24 October** to raise awareness about the global fight against **polio**, a contagious viral disease that can cause **permanent paralysis** and even death. In 2025, the observance carries the theme "**End Polio: Every Child, Every Vaccine, Everywhere**," emphasizing the urgent need to ensure that every child—regardless of location or circumstance—receives life-saving polio vaccinations.
- **World Development Information Day** is observed every year on **24th October**, the same day as **United Nations Day**, to emphasize the vital role of **information and communication technology (ICT)** in driving global development and solving challenges faced by nations.
- **ITBP Raising Day** is observed every year on **24th October** to commemorate the formation of the **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** — a specialized force that guards the **Indo-China border** across some of the most challenging terrains on earth. The **ITBP Raising Day 2025** marks **63 years of dedicated service**, celebrating the courage, discipline, and resilience of personnel who protect India's borders at altitudes often exceeding **14,000 feet**.

Obituaries News

- Veteran actor **Asrani** passed away at 84. Known for his comic roles, his iconic "**British-era jailer**" from *Sholay* remains unforgettable.
- Singer Rishabh Tandon died at 35 from a **heart attack**, known for hits like **Yeh Ashiqui**.
- **Dr. Eknath Vasant Chitnis**, Pioneering Indian Space Scientist and Key Architect of Early Space Programme, passed away at the age of 100 in Pune, Maharashtra. He was born on July 25, 1925, in Kolhapur, Maharashtra.
- **Chen-Ning Yang**, the renowned Chinese-American theoretical physicist and Nobel laureate, passed away at the age of 103 in Beijing, China. He was born on September 22, 1922, in Hofei, Anhwei, China.



- Piyush Pandey was often called the **“Father of Indian Advertising.”** He joined **Ogilvy India** in 1982 at the age of 27, after trying his hand at cricket, tea tasting, and construction. Over more than four decades, he transformed Ogilvy into one of the **most awarded advertising agencies in the world.**
- India’s digital payments ecosystem is evolving rapidly. A new entrant, **Zoho Pay**, backed by Chennai-based software

company Zoho, is now making waves. Listed below are the key points about what this move means, how it fits into the broader payments landscape, and why it is relevant for government job aspirants and general readers alike. It will work alongside (or integrated with) Zoho’s messaging app Arattai — allowing users to chat and send/receive money within the same ecosystem.

Static Takeaways

Organization / Ministry / Country	Head / Minister / Leader	Constituency / HQ	Established / Formed	Other Info
Cotton Corporation of India Ltd (CCI)	Lalit Kumar Gupta (CMD)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	1970	Under Ministry of Textiles
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare (MoAFW)	Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Union Minister)	Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh	—	MoS: Ram Nath Thakur (Bihar), Bhagirath Choudhary (Ajmer, RJ)
International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF)	Prof. Nicholas Harvey (President)	Nyon, Switzerland	1998	Global health-focused NGO
Ministry of Law & Justice (MoL&J)	Arjun Ram Meghwal (MoS, Independent Charge)	Bikaner, Rajasthan	—	Legal and judicial matters in India
Payment Council of India (PCI)	Vishwas Patel (Chairman)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	2013	Formed under IAMA for digital payments
Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)	Madhu S. Nair (CMD)	Kochi, Kerala	1972	Public Sector Shipbuilding Company
Brazil	Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (President)	Capital: Brasilia	—	Currency: Brazilian Real (BRL)
Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Masato Kanda (President)	Manila, Philippines	1966	Regional development bank
Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)	Tuhin Kanta Pandey (Chairperson)	Mumbai, Maharashtra	1988 (Statutory: 1992)	Capital market regulator
Japan	Sanae Takaichi (Prime Minister)	Capital: Tokyo	—	Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)
International Paralympic Committee (IPC)	Andrew Parsons (President)	Bonn, Germany	1989	Governs Paralympic movement
Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)	Gyanendra Pratap Singh (Director General)	New Delhi, Delhi	1939	India’s largest paramilitary force
Ministry of Civil Aviation	Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu (Union Minister)	Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh	—	MoS: Murlidhar Kisan Mohol (Pune, Maharashtra)
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)	Daren Tang (Director General)	Geneva, Switzerland	1967	UN agency for IP rights
Indian Army (IA)	General Upendra Dwivedi (COAS)	New Delhi, Delhi	1895	Motto: Seva Paramo Dharma
World Economic Forum (WEF)	Borge Brende (President & CEO)	Cologne, Switzerland	1971	International public-private org.

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Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	Qu Dongyu (Director General)	Rome, Italy	1945	UN body for food and agriculture
Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoC&I)	Piyush Goyal (Union Minister)	Mumbai North, Maharashtra	—	MoS: Jitin Prasada (Pilibhit, UP)
UNESCO	Audrey Azoulay (Director-General)	Paris, France	1945	UN agency for education and culture
Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)	Praveen Kumar (Director General)	New Delhi, Delhi	1962	Border guarding force
World Health Organization (WHO)	Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (Director General)	Geneva, Switzerland	1948	UN agency for global health
Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)	Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Union Minister)	Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh	—	MoS: Dr. C.S. Pemmasani (Guntur, AP), Kamlesh Paswan (Bansgaon, UP)
Kerala (State)	CM: Pinarayi Vijayan; Governor: Rajendra V. Arlekar	Capital: Thiruvananthapuram	—	Sanctuaries: Karimpuzha, Kurinjimala; Port: Kochi
Ministry of Defence (MoD)	Rajnath Singh (Union Minister)	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	—	MoS: Sanjay Seth (Ranchi, Jharkhand)
Elsevier Publishers	Kumsal Bayazit (CEO)	Amsterdam, Netherlands	1880	Part of RELX Group – global research publisher
United Nations (UN)	António Guterres (Secretary-General)	New York City, USA	1945	Global intergovernmental body

