

One Liners for August 7, 2018

1. The **Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council** decided to start a pilot project to give **20 per cent cashback** of the **GST, subject to Rs100 cap**, paid to incentivise digital payment in the country.
2. The **Telangana** government will set up a biotech and pharma facility, **B-Hub, India's first** organised cluster for life sciences Research & Development at Genome Valley.
3. **Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu** unveiled the **world's first-ever** thermal battery in **Amravati, Andhra Pradesh state** manufactured by **Bharat Energy Storage Technology Private Limited (BEST)**.
4. **Ranjit Srivastava** from Ranchi, has developed **Rashmi**, India's first humanoid robot, which can speak **Hindi, Bhojpuri, Marathi and English**.
5. The data of **National Family Health Survey (NFHS)** which surveyed more than **600,000 households** in **2015-16** which was used primarily to assess **health outcomes**, it is in fact a rich source of data on **household ownership of assets**.
6. The number of **e-cigarettes (Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) and vapes)** imported by India in 2017-18 is **19,585** up from **9,761** sets in 2016-17, as per the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**.
7. The government has set up a four-member **Group of Ministers (GoM)** headed by trade minister **Suresh Prabhu** to advise prime minister Narendra Modi on whether to continue with or withdraw from the **16-member Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)** negotiations.
8. **Indian tourists** visiting **Sri Lanka** may soon be exempted from visa requirement as the government is mulling granting **visa -free entry** to visitors from countries like India and China.
9. The Rajya Sabha unanimously passed the **Constitution (123rd Amendment) Bill 2017**, which provides constitutional status to the **National Commission for Backward Classes**.
10. The **Telangana** government launched a **Rs.5 lakh insurance programme - Rythu Bandhu Life Insurance Bonds**, for farmers in the state, touted to be the first of its kind, under which their families will get the amount irrespective of whether the death is natural or accidental.

11. The Supreme Court will consider whether **Article 35A, which gives special status to the State and people of Jammu and Kashmir**, is violative of the basic structure of the Constitution.
12. **Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura** have emerged as the new hotspots for HIV, according to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
13. The **Jatayu sculpture** at the **Jatayu Earth Center in Kollam, Kerala**, is believed to be **world's largest bird sculpture**, will be inaugurated on **August 17** by **Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan**.
14. China successfully tested "**Xingkong-2**" or "**Starry Sky-2**", its **first** waverider hypersonic aircraft that could carry nuclear warheads and penetrate any current generation anti-missile defence systems.
15. **Google** launched the latest version of its Android operating system — **Android Pie**, that promises to make smartphones 'smarter' and make it much simpler to navigate the smartphone.
16. The board of **State Bank of India (SBI)**, India's largest lender, has approved a plan to cover **legal expenses of current and former staff** booked by investigating agencies, but where no probe has been ordered by the bank.
17. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce has asked the Reserve Bank of India to restore the issuance of **Letters of Undertaking (LoU) and Letters of Credit (LoC)** for trade credit.
18. **Ramon Laguarta** will probably take over as the **CEO of PepsiCo**. as **Indra Nooyi** has decided to step down.
19. **August 6, 2018**, marks the **73rd anniversary** of the bombing of **Hiroshima**.
20. **August 8** marks the **30th anniversary** of the people's uprising in **Myanmar**.
21. **Kliment Kolesnikov of Russia** created a world record of **24 seconds** for the **50 metres backstroke** as he won the **European Championship title in Glasgow, Scotland**.
22. Defending champions **the Netherlands** defeated Ireland in the finals and won the **Women's Hockey World Cup 2018** held in **Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London**.