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### October month-2019 One Liner Current Affairs

- **October 01 – International Day of Older Persons**
- **October 01 – World Vegetarian Day**
- In Assam, in order to gradually collect and remove the harmful plastics from the eco- system Bongaigaon District administration is going to launch a campaign 'Plants for Plastic'.
- Fast-moving Typhoon 'Mitag' is bearing down on northern Taiwan, where it is expected to bring high winds and heavy rain. Warnings have been issued for parts of the island's east and north, including the capital, Taipei, with the worst of the weather expected to arrive.
- Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh launched the website of 11th edition of DefEXpo, to be held in Lucknow from 05 – 08 February, 2020,. The website, [www.defexpo.gov.in](http://www.defexpo.gov.in), provides online services to exhibitors, besides hosting informative content about the product profile of DPSUs and Ordnance Factories.
- To commemorate 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and to promote the Gandhian idea of sustainable living, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in association with IIT Bombay, is organizing the Global Student Solar Assembly on 2nd October 2019.
- India is hosting the Second Lead Author Meeting of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group III Sixth Assessment Report at New Delhi, beginning 30th September to 4th October 2019.
- Exercise MAITREE-2019, the joint military training exercise between Indian Army (IA) & Royal Thailand Army (RTA) which commenced on 16 Sep 19, culminated on 29 Sep 2019 at Foreign Training Node, Umroi (Meghalaya).
- BRAHMOS supersonic cruise missile featuring Indian propulsion system, airframe, power supply and other major indigenous components, was successfully test fired at 10.20 AM today from ITR, Chandipur in Odisha.
- School Education Quality Index (SEQI) was developed by NITI Aayog to evaluate the performance of States and Union Territories (UTs) in the school education sector.
- Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria took over as the 26th Chief of the Air Staff at a ceremony held at Air Headquarters (Vayu Bhawan).
- The Reserve Bank of India has superseded the Board of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank Limited, Mumbai and appointed Jai Bhagwan Bhorla as the bank's administrator with all powers of the board.
- In Swimming, India's N Wilson Singh and Satish Kumar Prajapati produced impressive performances to win a gold medal in 10 metres platform synchronised event at the ongoing 10th Asian Age Group Championships in Bengaluru.
- In Tennis, Sumit Nagal has won the men's singles title of ATP Challenger Tournament at Buenos Aires in Argentina. He defeated local favourite Facundo Bognis.
- Annu Rani has become the first Indian to qualify for Women's Javelin Throw Final at World Athletics Championships in Doha.



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October 02, 2019

- **October 02 – International Day of Non-Violence**
- Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi a political ethicist who employed nonviolent resistance to lead the successful campaign for India's independence from British Rule was born on October 2, 1869.
- The nation is remembering Former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on his birth anniversary.
- The Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of Steel, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the nationwide "Paryatan Parv 2019" in New Delhi.
- Telangana has become one of the fully electrified states in the country after providing electricity to over 5 lakh 15 thousand households under the Soubhagya Yojana introduced by the Centre in October 2017.
- China celebrated its 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) with a massive military parade, showcasing its most advanced weapons.
- On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti "Khadi Nepal" fashion show ensembling Khadi and handloom couture from India and Nepal was held in Kathmandu.
- The government of Uzbekistan has issued a special postage stamp to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Russia will next month celebrate the life of Kalashnikov, designer of the AK-47, with a number of events, including the museum display and a biopic.
- The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named an asteroid, discovered in 2006, after Indian classical singer Pandit Jasraj.
- The Documentation Identification Number (DIN) system of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has come into existence from with the generation of about 17,500 communications with DIN on the very first day.
- The 94th Raising Day of the Military Nursing Service (MNS) was celebrated on October 1.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Shri Pradipta Kumar Bisoi to the post of Secretary, Department of Posts.
- Air Marshal Harjit Singh Arora took over as Vice Chief of the Air Staff. The Air Marshal was commissioned in the Indian Air Force as a fighter pilot in Dec 1981.
- Former Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara took over as the first non-British President of the historic Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).

October 03, 2019



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- The Secretary of Department of Science & Technology, Prof. Ashutosh sharma inaugurated an exhibition titled “Digital Gandhi Gyan Vigyan Exhibition”.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Swachh Bharat Diwas 2019 in Ahmedabad.
- An inter-State portability for ration cards has been launched for Rajasthan and Haryana to facilitate the distribution of foodgrains to beneficiaries of the National Food Security scheme.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy inaugurated the ‘Village Secretariat system’ here and asserted that the state government aims to strengthen the village ecosystem.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched his government’s ‘Mo Sarkar’ (my government) initiative and directly talked to some people to know about their experience in state-run hospitals and police stations.
- North Korea has said that its test-firing of a new submarine-launched ballistic missile in the waters off its east coast was successful.
- Eminent economist Surjit S Bhalla was appointed as the Executive Director for India on the board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Bhalla (71) will succeed former RBI deputy governor Subir Gokarn.
- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, graced and addressed the India Today Safaigiri Summit and presented the most effective Swachhta Ambassador award to Shri Sachin Tendulkar in New Delhi on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- President Ram Nath Kovind will confer the Vayoshreshtha Samman-2019 on the eminent senior citizens and institutions in recognition of their services towards the cause of the elderly persons.
- The World Women’s Boxing Championship began at Ulan Ude in Russia.

### October 04, 2019

- **October 4 - World Animal Day**
- The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has started a pilot project to build roads using plastic waste and environment-friendly technology, primarily along the Sino-India border.
- YSR Kanti Velugu scheme is a prestigious programme of the Jagan Mohan Reddy government to take up comprehensive eye screening for entire State population, set to be launched on October 10.
- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the YSR Vahana Mitra scheme at Eluru on October 4 and distribute Rs10,000 financial assistance to auto, taxi and maxi driver cum owners.
- Shri Yogendra Tripathi , Secretary, Ministry of Tourism launched the Audio Guide facility Audio Odigos for 12 sites of India(including Iconic Sites).
- The Union Minister Shri RK Singh and Shri Pralhad Joshi jointly launched PRAKASH (Power Rail Koyla Availability through Supply Harmony) portal



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- 14th edition of Indo – Mongolian joint military training, Exercise Nomadic Elephant-XIV, being conducted over a period of 14 days, will commence from 05 Oct 2019.
  - Tenth edition of the Joint Military Exercise Ekuverin between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force will be organised from 07 to 20 October 2019 at Aundh Military Station in Pune, Maharashtra.
  - Major Abdul Quadir Khan won Silver Medal at the prestigious 53rd Asian Body Building and Physique Sports Championship held at Batam, Indonesia on 02 Oct 19.

October -5

- **October 5 – World Teachers’ Day**
- In a latest initiative to recognize young people as critical drivers of sustainable development, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India launched Youth Co:Lab which aims at accelerating social entrepreneurship and innovation in young India.
- Under Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat cleanliness assessment 2019, Jaipur Junction has top the tally among 720 stations covered all over the country. Jodhpur bagged second place where sub urban station of Jaipur Durgapura has been places third.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the “Trans Fat Free” logo of Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), at the 8th International Chefs’ Conference (ICC VII) in New Delhi.
- Tamil Nadu Government has issued the notification for increasing the MLAs Constituency Development Fund by an additional fifty lakh rupees. So far the ceiling for the annual expenditure under the fund by every MLA has been 2.5 crore rupees.
- Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani, is participating in the World Cotton Day being observed from 7th October to 11th October 2019 in Geneva.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has slashed the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points to 5.15 per cent from 5.40 per cent with immediate effect.
- India – Bangladesh Business forum began in New Delhi. Bangladesh is India’s biggest trade partner in South Asia. Bilateral trade between India and Bangladesh has grown steadily over the last decade.
- India’s Avinash Sable has qualified for Tokyo Olympics in men’s 3,000-metre steeplechase event by shattering his own national record at the World Championships in Doha.

October 06 & 07, 2019

- **October 6 – World Cerebral Palsy Day**
- **October 7 – World Habitat Day**

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- Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat launched a unique initiative called 'Ganga Amantran' to connect with the stakeholders of the river.
- ShriPrahlad Singh Patel, the Indian Institute of Skiing & Mountaineering (IISM) Gulmarg, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India in association with Indian Institute of Travel & Tourism Management (IITTM) an autonomous body under the Ministry of Tourism has organised an Adventure Tourism Training Courses in Trekking in Ladakh.
- Kannan Ramesh's appointment is for a two-year period and the 54-year-old Justice will continue to hold his position as a full-time judge of the Supreme Court of Singapore.
- The 50th International Film Festival of India, IFFI 2019, will be held from November 20-28 in Goa.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the eDantseva website and mobile application, the first ever national digital platform on oral health information and knowledge dissemination in New Delhi.
- In Jammu and Kashmir, Crossed Swords Division organized a "VEER KUTUMB RALLY" at Tanda, Akhnoor with an aim to reach out to veterans, veer naris, widows and their families.
- In Assam, Justice Ajai Lamba has taken oath as the Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court.
- Surender Singh of India created three world records at the ongoing World Powerlifting Championship in Berlin, Germany.

### October 08, 2019

- **October 8 - World Octopus Day**
- Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey inaugurated National E-Assessment Centre and Regional E-Assessment Centers.
- Development Partnership Administration Division of the External Affairs Ministry is organizing a conference in New Delhi to celebrate the 55th Anniversary of India's flagship capacity building programme - Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation.
- In Nepal, the festival of Fulpati is being celebrated with gaiety and religious fervor, Fulpati is observed on the seventh day of Dashain festival.
- India and Bangladesh have signed an MoU that will enable Delhi to set up a coastal surveillance system radar in Bangladesh.
- The 2019 Nobel Prize in Medicine has been jointly awarded to William Kaelin Jr., Sir Peter Ratcliffe and Gregg Semenza for their pioneering research into how human cells respond to changing oxygen levels.
- Justice Lingappa Narayana Swamy was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.



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- In the latest ICC women's ODI rankings, India maintained their second position but increased the points lead over third-placed England.
  - World number one Novak Djokovic clinched the Japan Open tennis title defeating Australian qualifier John Millman.

### October 09, 2019

- **October 9 –World Post Day**
- In Maharashtra, 63rd Dhammachakra Pravartan Din will be celebrated at Deekshabhoomi in Nagpur.
- The Indian Air Force, IAF, is celebrating its 87th anniversary, The IAF was founded on October 8, 1932.
- The fifth round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Mexico were held in New Delhi.
- In Portugal, the center-left Socialists win general election with 36.6% of the vote and are preparing to govern for another four years. The main opposition Social Democratic Party came second with almost 28%.
- An international team of researchers found two fossil compressions or impressions of bamboo culms (stems) and after further study noted them to be new species.
- The 32-year-old polar researcher from Kerala Vishnu Nandan will be the only Indian aboard the multidisciplinary drifting observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate (MOSAIC) expedition.
- A three-day India International Cooperative Trade Fair will be held in New Delhi from 11th of this month.
- Nobel Prize 2019 for Physics has been announced. Three scientists, James Peebles, Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz have won the Prize for their contribution to the understanding of the evolution of the universe and earth's place in the cosmos
- Sasidhar B.S. received the CSIR Young Scientist Award in Chemical Sciences 2019 from Union Minister of Science and Technology Harsh Vardhan.
- India has moved down 10 places to rank 68th on an annual global competitiveness index, largely due to improvements witnessed by several other economies, while Singapore has replaced the US as the world's most competitive economy.
- In Boxing, six-time Champion M.C. Mary Kom advanced to the quarterfinals of the World Women's Championships in 51 kilogram category at Ulan-Ude, Russia.

### October 10, 2019

- **October 10 – World Mental Health Day**
- **October 10 – World Sight Day**
- Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan launched 'The WHO India Country Cooperation Strategy 2019–2023: A Time of Transition'.



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- Union Cabinet has doubled honorarium for ten lakh ASHA workers from the existing 1000 rupees to 2000 rupees per month.
- The government launched a device that will help provide information related to disaster warnings when fishermen move away from the coast beyond 10 to 12 kilometres
- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, who is currently on a visit to France, held the Second India-France Ministerial level Annual Defence Dialogue with his French counterpart, the Minister for the Armed Forces Ms. Florence Parly on October 8th in Paris.
- Mamallapuram in Tamil Nadu is getting decked up for the second informal meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and China's President Xi Jinping on October 11 & 12.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given ex-post facto approval for the MoUs between India and Foreign Broadcasters in the field of Radio and Television.
- Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched the Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme- 'DHRUV' from Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Headquarters at Bengaluru.
- To boost skill development at the district level, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) signed a contract with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore for introducing a two-year fellowship programme Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) programme. Programme launched in 75 districts across Gujarat, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand
- The 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded to John B. Goodenough, M. Stanley Whittingham and Akira Yoshino "for the development of lithium-ion batteries", the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced .
- India women's cricket captain Mithali Raj became the first female player to last more than 20 years in international cricket. She achieved the feat while leading India to an emphatic eight-wicket win over South Africa Women in the first ODI at Vadodara.

### October 11

- **October 11 -International Day of the Girl Child**
- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways, Piyush Goyal will attend the 9th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Inter sessional Ministerial meeting to be held on 11-12 October 2019 at Bangkok in Thailand.
- The Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani, chaired the 5th National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges in New Delhi.



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- The Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC) is organizing the 38th India Carpet Expo (15th in Varanasi), from 11th-14th October, 2019 in Sampurnanand Sanskrit University Ground with an aim to promote the cultural heritage and weaving skills of Indian hand-made carpets.
- In a unique way to promote tourism, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board will organize a month long City Walk Festival in 11 cities from October 12 to till November 10.
- The first-of-its-kind 'Garbage Cafe' commenced in Ambikapur city of Chhattisgarh. The café is being run by the Ambikapur municipal corporation.
- In Uttar Pradesh, the first 2-day long National Hindi Science writers conference will start today in Lucknow with an aim to release science writing from the clutches of English and to promote use of Hindi and other Vernacular languages.
- Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurates the 13th Conference of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare (CCHFW ), during the conference he also launched Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan, SUMAN, initiative in New Delhi.
- President Ram Nath Kovind presented the prestigious President's Colours to the Army Aviation Corps in Nashik. Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, Chief of Army Staff General Bipin Rawat and other senior officers of Army, Navy and Air Force were present on the occasion.
- The 2019 Nobel Prize in Literature has been announced along with the 2018 Prize. The Swedish Academy said, Austrian author Peter Handke has won the 2019 Prize while Polish writer Olga Tokarczuk has received the 2018 Prize.

### October 12, 2019

- **October 12 - World Migratory Bird day**
- Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah would preside as Chief Guest over the inaugural session of the 14th Annual Convention of the Central Information Commission (CIC) in New Delhi, on 12th October, 2019.
- The first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair got underway in New Delhi
- Government e-Marketplace (GeM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Union Bank of India (UBI) in New Delhi on October 10, 2019.
- India has said, it will extend a Line of Credit of over 60 million US Dollars to Comoros in the field of energy and maritime defence cooperation, both the countries have signed some important agreements including cooperation in defence and energy sectors.
- The second edition of Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) of the navies of India and Bangladesh commenced in Northern Bay of Bengal on Thursday.
- Shri Hardeep S Puri, Minister of State(I/c) for Housing & Urban Affairs launching the mobile app, "mHariyali", .





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- Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan gave away Kayakalp Awards to different Central Government institutions, district hospitals, community health centres and private hospitals for their work in maintaining high standards of sanitation and hygiene in public health facilities.
- Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has won the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize for his peacemaking efforts with Eritrea.
- Star sprinter Dutee Chand smashed her own national record, clocking 11.22 seconds, in the women's 100m semifinals at the 59th National Open Athletics Championships in Ranchi
- It was a landmark day for Skipper Virat Kohli who first hit his 26th century and equalled Australia legend Ricky Ponting's record for most Test hundreds as Skipper.

### October 13 & 14, 2019

- **October 13 – International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction**
- In Madhya Pradesh, the 10th edition of the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav-National Cultural Festival is being organized by the Union Ministry of Culture from today to 21st of October under the 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat' campaign
- Jammu and Kashmir government will soon start telemedicine services in Srinagar to improve medical facilities in the state capital.
- Governor of Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, will inaugurate a seven-day mega multimedia exhibition in Guwahati on 14th October, as part of 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Chinese President Xi Jinping has said that China will provide Nepalese 56 billion rupees assistance to Kathmandu over the next two years to help Nepal's development programmes as the two countries inked 20 agreements to bolster their bilateral ties.
- Indian nun Mariam Theresia and four others were declared Saints by Pope Francis at a grand ceremony at the Vatican City.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed grief over the loss of lives in Japan due to Typhoon Hagibis and said Indian Navy personnel, who were on a scheduled visit there, will be happy to assist in rescue operations.
- Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises inaugurated a conference on One Nation One FASTag in New Delhi.
- Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent charge) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel participated in BRICS Culture Ministers' meeting held in Curitiba, Brazil.
- India and Sierra Leone signed six agreements including extending a credit line of 30 million US Dollars for rice cultivation.



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- India and Asian Development Bank, ADB have signed 190 million dollar loan agreement for improving road connectivity in Rajasthan.
- Six-time champion M C Mary Kom settled for a bronze medal in the World Women's Boxing Championships after losing to Turkey's Busenaz Cakiroglu in an intense semifinal bout at Ulan Ude in Russia.
- Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen clinched his maiden BWF World Tour title by winning the Dutch Open men's singles at Almere in the Netherlands. He had also won the Asian Junior Championships, a silver at Youth Olympic Games and a bronze medal at World Junior Championships last year.
- Sixth-seeded Manju Rani settled for silver medal in World Women's Boxing Championships at Ulan-Ude in Russia.

**October 15, 2019**

- **October 15 - International Day of Rural Women**
- The nation pays homage to former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam on his birth anniversary on October 15. Every year, former president APJ Abdul Kalam's birthday is celebrated as World Students' Day.
- The first batch of the trainings of National Trainers for Census of India 2021 commenced today at National Statistical System Training Academy (NSSTA), Greater Noida, with Additional RGI, Shri Sanjay inaugurating the interactive training session.
- Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Shri Ram Vilas Paswan inaugurated the celebrations of 'World Standard Day' by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on the theme "Video Standards create a global stage" in New Delhi.
- The second phase of Local Treatment of Urban Sewage Streams for Healthy Reuse, LOTUS-HR was launched at the Barapullah drain in New Delhi by Union Minister Harsh Vardhan and the visiting Dutch Royal couple this afternoon.
- Russian frigate Admiral Makarov test-fired Kalibr cruise missiles as part of drills in the eastern part of the Mediterranean Sea. All the armament of the ship has been checked in combat within the last two years.
- Secretary Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Guruprasad Mohapatra launched the website and mobile application [Learn to Protect, Secure and Maximize Your Innovation] on Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) in New Delhi.
- Bangladesh has become the second-fastest growing economy in South Asia after Bhutan.
- As part of Indian Navy's Overseas Deployment, four indigenously built ships of Indian Navy's First Training Squadron, Indian Naval Ships Tir, Sujata and Shardul and Indian Coast Guard Ship Sarathi, are visiting Tanzania from 14 to 17 Oct 19.
- The 2019 Nobel Prize for Economics has been jointly won by Indian-American Abhijit Banerjee, his wife, Esther Duflo, and Michael Kremer of the United States for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty.

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- Margaret Atwood and Bernardine Evaristo have jointly won the 2019 Booker Prize after judges flout the rules by declaring a tie.
  - Simone Biles broke the all-time record for most medals by any gymnast at the world championships by winning the balance beam competition at the World Gymnastics Championship in Stuttgart, Germany.
  - Indian shuttler Priyanshu Rajawat claimed the men's singles title at the Bahrain International Series Badminton at Isa Town.

**October 16, 2019**

- **October 16 - World Food Day**
- Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh presided over as Chief Guest at the Curtain Raiser event for the North East Expo 2019, organised in New Delhi.
- Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah presided over as Chief Guest on the 35th Raising Day Ceremony of National Security Guard (NSG), at NSG HQ in Manesar, Gurugram.
- Karnataka Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai has informed that Bengaluru will have a dedicated Anti-Terror Squad from November 1st.
- Air India has become the first airline in the world to use a Taxibot on an A-320 aircraft with passengers on board. Taxibot is a robot-used aircraft tractor for taxiing an aircraft from parking bay to runway and vice-versa.
- Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh have emerged as the top performing States with free secondary and tertiary treatment worth nearly Rs. 7,901 crore availed under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), the flagship health assurance scheme of the Government in just over a year.
- The World Bank-International Monetary Fund (IMF) annual meetings kicked off with the IMF downgrading global growth in 2019 to 3%, the slowest since the global financial crisis.
- The Ministry of Shipping is working on a plan to develop a National Grid for Ports based on synergy between the Major and Minor ports in the country. Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, MoS (I/C) for Shipping and MoS Chemical and Fertilizers announced this while addressing the media after the 17th Meeting of Maritime States Development Council (MSDC) in New Delhi today.
- The India Ministerial Dialogue was held at third India Energy Forum by CERAWEEK in New Delhi. Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas & Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said that Energy sector will be fueling India's journey towards the goal of a 5 trillion dollar economy.
- Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 41st DRDO Directors' Conference at DRDO Bhawan in New Delhi. The Conference is an annual event, where a number of brainstorming sessions are planned over two days.

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- Information and Broadcasting Secretary Amit Khare has been given the additional charge of Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy in Ministry of Human Resources Development.
- Former India captain Sourav Ganguly is all set to become only the second international cricketer to be elected president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

### October 17, 2019

- **October 17 – International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**
- Textiles Secretary, Ravi Capoor, inaugurated the 48th edition of the Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair (IHGF) at the India Expo Centre & Mart at Greater Noida
- Shri Arjun Munda, Union Minister of Tribal Affairs launched the “Van Dhan Internship Programme” organized by TRIFED under Ministry of Tribal Affairs in New Delhi.
- Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has released the 20th Livestock Census report.
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism and Culture Prahlad Singh Patel yesterday inaugurated Shirui Lily Festival, 2019 at Shirui Vangayan Ground of Ukhru in Manipur.
- The Culture Department of Uttar Pradesh government is going to organize the country’s first training and performance program of world-famous KHON (खोन्) Ramlila, a masked form of Ramlila art of Thailand in collaboration with Thai government.
- The Assam government will be hosting a two-day stakeholders’ meeting between India and Bangladesh from 22nd of this month in Guwahati.
- Shri Arjun Munda, Union Minister of Tribal Affairs announced the second phase of GOAL (Going Online as Leaders), a Facebook program aimed at inspiring, guiding and encouraging tribal girls from across India to become village-level digital young leaders for their communities.
- Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched Food Safety Mitra (FSM) scheme for strengthening and scaling up ‘Eat Right India’ movement.
- Shri J.P.S. Chawla assumed charge as the new Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure.
- Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan distributed the Hindi Pakhwada Awards, 2019 to the officials and employees of the Department of Consumer Affairs in Krishi Bhawan.
- Barcelona captain Leonel Messi received his sixth Golden Shoe as the top scorer in the European leagues.

### October 18, 2019



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- Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik has inaugurated J&K Bazar, a retail showroom of authentic Jammu Kashmir Handicrafts, Handlooms, Silk, Agro-based products and Restaurant serving Authentic Kashmiri Cuisine at J&K House in New Delhi.
- Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Kamal Nath formally inaugurated the two-day Magnificent Madhya Pradesh Conference started.
- Venezuela was elected to the United Nations Human Rights Council with 105 votes and a round of applause, despite fierce lobbying by the United States and rights groups, and the late entry of Costa Rica as competition.
- Indian High Commission in association with the National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedic Rehabilitation (NITOR) and Bangladesh Orthopedic Society is organizing a 42 day long Jaipur Foot Artificial Limb Fitment Camp at NITOR in Dhaka
- Department of Fisheries, Tamil Nadu Govt has pioneered with National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) to develop THOONDIL an android application that integrates modern science and technology to assist fisherman community.
- The Asia Health-2019 conference was held in New Delhi. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is organizing the first edition of the ASIA HEALTH 2019 from 16 -19 October 2019.
- The Minister of State for Home, Shri G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated the 20th All India Conference of Directors of Fingerprint Bureaus, being organised by NCRB in New Delhi.
- President Donald Trump will host next year's Group of Seven economic summit of developed world leaders at one of his own properties, the Trump National Doral golf resort near Miami, a White House official said.
- NITI Aayog with Institute for Competitiveness as the knowledge partner released the India Innovation Index (III) 2019. Karnataka is the most innovative major state in India. Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Telangana, Haryana, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh form the remaining top ten major states respectively.
- Indian Air Force is participating in a Bilateral Joint exercise with Royal Air Force Oman (RAFO), named EX EASTERN BRIDGE-V, scheduled from 17-26 Oct 19, at Air Force Base Masirah.
- India is among the three nations who have presented their bids to host the next edition of the men's World cup, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) said.

### October 19, 2019

- Baliyatra, one of the biggest trade fairs of Odisha, is scheduled to begin on November 12.
- India will host the 91st Interpol General Assembly in 2022 after a proposal received the overwhelming support of member countries at this year's congregation at Santinago in Chile.
- In the series of joint bilateral exercises between India & Mongolia, both nations have once again come together to enhance bilateral friendship to the next level.



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- The world's first female spacewalking team made history high above Earth, floating out of the International Space Station to fix a broken part of the power network.
- The October iteration of the Army Commander's conference was conducted in Delhi from 14-18 Oct 19.
- Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated 11th Nuclear Energy Conclave in New Delhi.
- Senior IPS officer of Gujarat cadre Anup Kumar Singh has been appointed as Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG).
- Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi has recommended Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde as his successor and the 47th Chief Justice of India in keeping with convention and the seniority norm.
- Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) has conducted the second edition of Defence of Andaman & Nicobar Islands 2019 (DANX-19), a large scale joint services exercise from 14 Oct to 18 Oct 19.
- Indian boxers at the Asian Junior Championships, clinched a bumper tally of 21 medals, including six golds and nine silvers, to end with the best medal haul among 26 competing countries in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates.
- Raunak Sadhwani is set to become country's 65th Grandmaster after continuing his spectacular unbeaten run in the FIDE Chess.com Grand Prix following a sixth successive draw.

### October 20 & 21, 2019

- **October 20 – World Statistics Day**
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will attend the inaugural ceremony of Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu which has been constructed at an altitude of 14,650 feet in the forward area of Ladakh region.
- Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb inaugurated daily Air-Asia flights from Agartala to Imphal (Manipur), Guwahati (Assam), Delhi and Kolkata (West Bengal) at Maharaj Bir Bikram Airport, Agartala.
- The State will soon have 40 cyber crime police stations and six cyber labs to tackle the increasing number of crimes.
- Sri Lanka has been removed from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) list of countries at risk for money laundering.
- Chile's President Sebastian Pinera has declared a state of emergency in Santiago and gave the military responsibility for security after a day of violent protests over an increase in the price of metro tickets.
- Union Minister of state for Culture and Tourism Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated e-portal of Centre for Cultural Resources and Training and YouTube Channel in New Delhi with an aim to take India to a newer digital pinnacle and to promote Indian culture.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled the book "Bridgital Nation" and presented its first copy to Shri Ratan Tata in an event organized at New Delhi.



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- The Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu presented 'Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award' to legal luminary, scholar and former Attorney General of India, Shri K. Parasaran at a function at the India International Centre in New Delhi.
- In badminton, Kuhoo Garg and Dhruv Rawat put up a brilliant effort to win the mixed doubles title at the Egypt International 2019 in Cairo.
- In Boxing, World Championships silver medallist Amit Panghal won his opening bout in the men's flyweight (52kg) category as the boxers gave India a good start in the 7th CISM World Military Games in Wuhan, China.
- Indian junior hockey men's team lost a second consecutive final to Great Britain in the Sultan of Johor Cup as it succumbed to a 1-2 loss at Johor Bahru, Malaysia.

### October 22, 2019

- Union Minister of Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah presided over the occasion of the Police Commemoration Day and paid homage to the police personnel martyred in the line of duty at the National Police Memorial, in New Delhi.
- Union Minister of State for Culture & Tourism (IC), Shri Prahlad Singh Patel took part in the commemoration event of 76th anniversary of the formation of Azad Hind Government at Red Fort, Delhi.
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- Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ravi Shankar Prasad said that the government will set up one lakh digital villages in the country in the next few years.
- Tamil Nadu is expected to have 20,000 solar energy installations under the Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (Kusum) scheme by the end of the current financial year, said Vikram Kapur, chairman and managing director, Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (Tangedco).
- The second group of 18 officers of the Government of Nepal have started their training on Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism at Regional Centre of National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes and Narcotics (NACIN) in Bengaluru.
- With the recent improvement in relations, India and the Maldives will take forward several pending measures to promote defence cooperation in the next few months, diplomatic sources said.
- Malaysia and Indonesia will challenge via the World Trade Organisation (WTO) a European Union law that will limit palm oil use in biofuels, "Malaysia and Indonesia are committed to challenge the Delegated Act through the WTO Dispute Settlement Body by end of this year.



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- Union Minister of Law & Justice, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad had unveiled a series of new initiatives by Ministry of Electronics & Information (MeitY) in the first MeitY Start-up Summit held at New Delhi.
- Commerce and Industry & Railways Minister, Piyush Goyal addressed the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) in New Delhi.
- World Junior & Junior Girls Chess Championship 2019 started at New Delhi and will be held from 14 to 26 October.

### October 23, 2019

- International workshop on Environmental Flows Assessment and Implementation for India was inaugurated by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister for Jal Shakti at Delhi.
- Most advanced Electronic Interlocking System has been installed on the Grand Chord route.
- The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar along with Union Minister for Chemical and Fertilizers Shri D. V. Sadananda Gowda jointly inaugurated the bi-annual Fertilizer Application Awareness Program at Pusa in New Delhi.
- Sambar deer and a few pelicans are the recent arrivals at the Amirthi Zoological Park, which is situated about 25 kilometers from Vellore.
- India and Switzerland decide to carry forward working together in the Rail Transport sector.
- Indian-origin Canadian politician Jagmeet Singh, whose New Democratic Party (NDP) won 24 seats in the general election, is set to emerge as the "kingmaker" while Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party lost majority.
- Emperor Naruhito formally declared his ascension to the Chrysanthemum Throne as the nation's 126th emperor.
- Regional Labour Conference was held in Bhubaneswar. Minister of State for Labour and Employment Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar said that 'Labour' comes under Concurrent list and Central and State Governments makes coordinated efforts for welfare of workers.
- Minister of Panchayati Raj Narendra Singh Tomar conferred the National Panchayat Awards 2019 at a function in New Delhi.
- Two BrahMos surface to surface missiles were fired by Indian Air Force at Trak Island in the Andaman Nicobar group of islands. The missiles were fired. The twin firings have been carried out as a part of the routine operational training.
- Vishwa Deenadayalan of Tamil Nadu lifted the junior boys' crown in the National Ranking (East Zone) table tennis championship at Howrah indoor stadium to complete a hat-trick of titles in his age-group category this season.

### October 24, 2019

- **October 24 - United Nations Day**





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- **October 24 – World Development Information Day**
- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Shri Prakash Javadekar launched the First National Protocol on Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India, on the occasion of International Snow Leopard Day on October 23.
- The 4th Ayurveda day to be organized on 25th October 2019 at National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- International Film Festival of India, IFFI, Goa celebrates its Golden Jubilee Edition this year beginning from 20th of The list of films for Open-Air Screenings during 50th International Film Festival of India in Goa has been released.
- The Assam government has decided to start a scholarship scheme for children of tea tribe community, studying in 10th and 12th classes.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Kais Saied on being sworn-in as the President of Tunisia.
- Union Minister for Panchayati Raj Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launched a Spatial Planning Application called 'Gram Manchitra' which is a Geo-Spatial based decision support system for the panchayats.
- commerce and Industry & Railways Minister, Piyush Goyal, said that India and Sweden enjoy a strong relationship and excellent cooperation in regional and international fora.
- The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu will lead the Indian delegation at the XVIII Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) to be held at Baku, Azerbaijan on 25-26 October.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for capacity building and strengthening the accounting, financial and audit knowledge base in Kuwait.
- Praveen Kumar today became the first Indian man to win a Wushu World Championships gold, beating Russel Diaz of the Philippines in the 48kg category in Shanghai.

### October 25

- **October 25 – International Artist Day**
- Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSME Shri Nitin Gadkari and Shri Jitendra Singh, MoS (I/C) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space announced renaming of Chenani Nashri Tunnel on NH 44 in Jammu & Kashmir as Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Tunnel in an event in New Delhi.
- Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri G Kishan Reddy presided over the 58th Raising Day of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and took the salute of the Raising Day Parade.
- Shri G. Kishan Reddy, the Hon'ble Minister of State (Home) released the BPR&D's flagship publication, "Data on Police Organizations" at the MHA, North Block, New Delhi.



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- The Government of India, Government of Odisha and the World Bank signed a US\$165 million loan agreement to support smallholder farmers strengthen the resilience of their production systems as well as diversify and improve the marketing of their produce, for increased income.
- Uttar Pradesh's government launched its flagship scheme Kanya Sumangla Yojna.
- President Ram Nath Kovind visited Rajgir in Bihar. Mr. Kovind inaugurated day long golden jubilee celebrations of Vishwa Shanti Stupa (World Peace Pagoda) in Rajgir.
- The US has urged Bangladesh to postpone relocation of Rohingyas to the uninhabited island Bhashan Char.
- The World Bank released its latest Doing Business Report(DBR, 2020) on 24th October 2019.
- The Global Bio-India 2019, one of the largest biotechnology stakeholders conglomerate will be held for the first time in India in New Delhi from 21st to 23rd November 2019.
- India has signed the agreement with Pakistan on the modalities for the operationalization of the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor at Zero Point, International Boundary, Dera Baba Nanak.
- Sailesh assumed charge as Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, in New Delhi.
- China will host the inaugural edition of the expanded 24-team Club World Cup.

### October 26 & 27, 2019

- October 27 – World Day for Audiovisual Heritage – 2019 Theme: Engage the Past Through Sound and Images
- Vigilance Awareness Week to be observed from 28th October to 2nd November -Theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week: "Integrity- A way of life"
- The Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) has conducted Whole Genome Sequencing of 1,008 Indians from different populations across the country.
- Infantry Day is observed on October 27 to mark the landing of first Indian troops in Jammu and Kashmir in 1947 to push back Pakistan supported intruders.
- Gujarati community across the globe is celebrating New year Bestu Varas.
- The US Department of State said the United States would ban US airlines from flying to all Cuban international airports except Havana starting from December to further pressure the Cuban government.
- The 29<sup>th</sup> BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change was held in Beijing, China, on 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- DEFCOM 2019 to be held on 26 and 27 November 2019 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi will seek to deliberate on the theme, "Communications as a Decisive Catalyst for Jointness".



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- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, will present the National Corporate Social Responsibility Awards (NCSRA) to select companies for their outstanding contribution in area of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) on 29th October, 2019 in New Delhi.
- Karnataka was crowned the 2019-20 Vijay Hazare Champions as they beat Tamil Nadu by nine wickets in the Vijay Hazare Trophy at Bengaluru.

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