

Weekly One Liner

15th - 21st October 2019



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Important News – India

1. Who ranked **102th in Global Hunger Index 2019** ____ **India**.

Note:

- India ranked **102th position** among **117 countries** on the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2019 report released by Washington-based International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).
- India is ranked below many neighboring countries, including **China** (25th spot), **Nepal** (73th), **Myanmar** (69th), **Sri Lanka** (66th), **Bangladesh** (88th) and **Pakistan** (94th).
- The report warned that the progress towards a **2030 zero hunger target** that was agreed upon by leaders across the words was “under threat”.

2. **Nobel 2019 Laureates** have penned a book together titled 'Good Economics for Hard Times – Better Answers to our Biggest Problems' ____ **Abhijit Banerjee & Esther Duflo**.

Note:

- The book talks about the pressing issues of our times and tries to find solutions to these questions.
- The book is published by Juggernaut and set to release on November 2019,

3. Who has introduced a new scheme '**Food Safety Mitra (FSM)**' to engage motivated individuals with the food safety ecosystem at ground level ____ **FSSAI**.

Note:

- The 'FSM' scheme has been launched by Dr Harsh Vardhan (Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare).
- Food Safety Mitra (FSM) is an individual professional certified by FSSAI who assists in compliances related to FSS Act, Rules & Regulations.
- They will be available in three avatars- Digital Mitra, Trainer Mitra and Hygiene Mitra depending upon their respective roles and responsibilities.

4. Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda has announced the 2nd phase of programme GOAL (Going online as leaders) for ____ **Tribal women**.

Note:

- The objective of this GOAL program is to digitally mentor 5000 young women in India's tribal-dominated districts.
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs partners with Facebook and Niti Aayog are running GOAL for tribal women.
- The GOAL program will give technical support to the socially and economically marginalized women for their needs to succeed, using the technology they may otherwise have not had access to.

5. The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** has unveiled its **next-generation space suits** for upcoming ____ **Artemis programme**.

Note:

- **Artemis programme** aims to land the first woman and next man on the moon by 2024.
- The garment, known as the exploration extravehicular mobility unit (xEMU).
- The xEMU suits will allow astronauts to move more freely on the moon and during spacewalks.
- The suit has been designed for exploring the lunar surface, specifically the south pole – the target for Nasa's next crewed lunar landing.

6. The **48th edition of the Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair (IHGF)** held at ____ **Greater Noida**.

Note:

- Overseas buyers from 110 countries are in India to source home, lifestyle, fashion, furniture and textiles products, around 3200 Indian exhibitors are participating in the Fair.
- IHGF Delhi Fair (Autumn) 2019 endeavours to focus on 'Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle' this year to encourage sustainable development and preservation of the environment.

7. The 1st Robot Restaurant opened at the Infocity DLF tower of ____ **Bhubaneswar**.

Note:

- Two indigenously developed robots, 'Champa' and 'Chameli' are engaged.
- This restaurant has been started by one Odia Engineer 'Jeet Basha'.
- Earlier, Chennai and Bengaluru had introduced smart restaurants with Robots machines imported from China.

1. Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in a Bilateral Joint Exercise with Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) named ____ **'EX-EASTERN BRIDGE-V'**.

Note:

- For the first time, **MiG-29 fighter aircraft** will be participating in an International Exercise outside India.

- The last exercise, '**EX-EASTERN BRIDGE-IV**' was held in 2017 at Jamnagar.
 - This exercise will enhance **inter-operability** during mutual operations between the two **Air Forces**.
 - It will provide an opportunity to learn from each other's best practices.
8. India will gift 75,000 metric tonnes of wheat to **___Afghanistan**.
- Note:**
- The Indian envoy made these announcements while speaking at the 37th anniversary of the Afghan Red Crescent Society's (ARCS) Special Week.
 - In October 2017, India sent its maiden cargo of wheat to Afghanistan through the Chabahar port in Iran, bypassing Pakistan.
 - The Indian government has supplied 1.1 million tonnes of wheat for the people of Afghanistan on a grant basis.
9. The **Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying** released the 20th **___Livestock Census -2019**.
- Note:**
- As per Livestock Census -2019, India's livestock population has increased to over 535 million, showing an increase of 4.6% over Livestock Census-2012.
 - The share of cattle is around 36%, the goat (over 27%), buffaloes (over 20%), cow 18% (population - over 145 million), sheep (around 14%) and pigs (around 2%).
 - The livestock census is conducted across the country periodically since 1919.
 - The 20th Livestock Census was carried out in about 6.6 lakh villages and 89 thousand urban wards across the country.
10. The Union Railways Minister **Piyush Goyal** flagged off nine **___'Sewa Service' trains**.
- Note:**
- These trains are connecting small towns to major cities and one of those, the 'Vadnagar-Mehsana train', railways' gift to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
 - PM Modi sold tea at the Vadnagar station during his younger days.
 - The 9 "Sewa Service" trains were launched without any additional investment by the railways.
11. India's rank among the 128 countries surveyed in the **2019 World Giving Index (WGI)** **_ 82nd**.
- Note:**
- It is an aggregate of trends for each country that emerged in surveys conducted by CAF over the past decade (2009 to 2018) and 1.3 million people worldwide.
 - According to the WGI, the USA stood at the top followed by Myanmar, New Zealand and Australia, Ireland, Canada, UK, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia.
 - The average figures for India over the past decade show that 34%, people helped a stranger, 24% donated money and 19% volunteered or donated their time.
12. Indian Chess player has authored a book titled **Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life** **___ Viswanathan Anand**.
- Note:**
- The book is based on the experience he had in the game of Chess.
 - In the book, he revisits his greatest games and worst losses, his unique experiences of playing against the best minds.
 - The methods he employs to prepare for wins, cope with disappointments and, simply, stay in the game.
13. How many films will compete for the Golden Peacock Award at the 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) **___ Fifteen films**.
- Note:**
- The selection of the films has been made from over 700 entries.
 - Mr. John Bailey, Cinematographer and Ex. President of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences will chair the International Jury of 50th International Film Festival of India
 - Eminent Filmmaker, Mr. Ramesh Sippy is the Indian member in the International Jury..
14. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal for admission of girl children in **___Sainik Schools**
- Note:**
- The decision has been taken following the success of the pilot project started by the Ministry for admission of girl children in Sainik School Chhingchhip in Mizoram (2-years ago).
 - The decision is in line with the objective of the government towards greater inclusiveness, gender equality, enabling greater participation of women in Armed Forces and strengthening the motto of 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao'.
15. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated 'Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu' in **___Ladakh**.
- Note:**
- Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu has been constructed at an altitude of 14,650 feet in the forward area of Ladakh region.

- This bridge (1400 feet span) has been built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).
- It is named in honour of Colonel Chewang Rinchan (2 times Maha Vir Chakara awardee) who was one of the highly decorated officers in the Indian Army from Ladakh.
- This Bridge is built on the strategically important road Durbuk Shyok Daulat Beg Oldie in sub-sector north in eastern Ladakh.

16. Who has released a book titled 'Bridgital Nation: Solving Technology's People Problem' in New Delhi__ PM Narendra Modi

Note:

- Mr. Modi presented books' first copy to eminent industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata.
- The book has been authored by N Chandrasekaran (Chairman, Tata Sons) and Roopa Purushothaman.
- The book 'Bridgital Nation' presents a powerful vision of future where technology and human beings co-exist in a mutually beneficial ecosystem

Important News – State

1. Delhi LG Anil Baijal launched an online module for sanction of ____ Building plans

Note:

- Anil Baijal (Delhi Lieutenant Governor) has launched an online module for sanctioning building plans for plots up to 500 square metres on self-certification basis by municipal corporations.
- The process will require an architect to file the case online for obtaining the sanction of a building plan certificate.
- The submitted case will be scrutinised automatically by the rule engine of the Online Building Plan System (OBPS) module.
- Thereafter, in case of any shortcoming, an error report will be generated by the system.

2. Chenani- Nashri Tunnel on NH 44 (in Jammu & Kashmir) will be named after ____ Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee.

Note:

- According to Union Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, it is the humble homage to Mukherjee whose battle for Kashmir, One Nation One Flag.
- Syama Prasad Mukherjee was an Indian politician, barrister and academician, who served as the Minister for Industry and Supply in Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet.

3. Union Minister Prahlaad Singh Patel has inaugurated '2019 Shirui Lily Festival' (3rd) at Shirui Vangayan Ground of Ukhrul in ____ Manipur.

Note:

- The festival featured demonstrations of the age-old traditions and culture of the inhabitants of the district of Ukhrul.
- This initiative will provide an opportunity to youth outside the region to develop a positive perception of North-East.
- Mr Patel along with N. Biren Singh (Manipur Chief Minister) jointly inaugurated the Strength of Unity Statue as a mark of opening the third edition of the four-day state festival.

4. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy has launched 'YSR Rytu Bharosa - PM KISAN' in ____ Nellore.

Note:

- Under the scheme, farmers will get financial assistance of Rs 13,500 per annum in three instalments.
- The State Government contributing Rs 7,500 and the Centre Rs 6,000.
- Andhra Pradesh Government allocated budget of Rs 5,500 crore for the scheme and the number of beneficiaries is initially put at roughly Rs 40 lakh.

5. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath inaugurated the two-day Magnificent Madhya Pradesh Conference in ____ Indore.

Note:

- CM Kamal Nath also inaugurated the Global Trade Exhibition at the Brilliant Convention Centre, Indore.
- Many well-known industrialists are attending this conference.
- Foreign investment proposals worth 4,385 crore rupees are in the process of consideration or final stage in Madhya Pradesh.

6. Nitin Gadkari has announced the naming of new National Highway No. 703AA as ____ 'Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji Marg'.

Note:

- The road starting from Kapurthala connecting Goindwal Sahib and terminating near Taran Taran in Punjab has been declared as new National Highway '703 AA' (effective from next month).
- The decision has been taken to mark the 550th Birth Anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev.

7. The state Govt. has extended **maternity leave** benefits to teachers and other staff of private educational institutions, including those in the unaided sector__ **Kerala**.

Note:

- The Union Government has approved the Kerala Government's decision to bring these teachers and employees under the Maternity Benefit Act.
- After the amendment to the Act comes into force, Kerala would become the first state in the country to provide maternity benefits in the private educational sector.

8. Odisha's biggest trade fair 'Bali Jatra' is scheduled to begin on __ **12th November**.

Note:

- According to the Odia Calendar, the festival is celebrated every year from the day of (full moon day of the month of Kartika).
- 'Bali Jatra' will be jointly organized by the Cuttack District Administration, District Cultural Council, and the Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC).
- The trade fair will continue for eight days.

Important News – World

1. Who has announced that **all the rail links** with India closed after the 1965 war will be reopened __ **Sheikh Hasina**.

Note:

- Trains from Bangladesh to Darjeeling via Siliguri operated till 1965.
- Earlier, PM Sheikh Hasina has inaugurated the first intercity train between Dhaka and Kurigram.
- The first rail line between India and Dhaka was opened in 2008 when Maitree express between Dhaka and Kolkata was started.
- In 2017 Bandhan express was also started between Kolkata and Khulna.

2. **Indian artists** performed **Mahatma Gandhi's favorite** Bhajan on occasion of 150th birth anniversary celebrations in Sharjah__ **Raghupati Raghav Rajaram**.

Note:

- The function, which was organised by the Indian Association in Sharjah, was attended by Minister of State for External Affairs V Murleedharan among others.
- Mr Murleedharan is on a two-day visit to the UAE to attend the 5th Abu Dhabi Dialogue

3. The **Indian Air Force** and **Japanese Air Self Defence Force** (JASDF) has carried out the **annual joint military exercise** __ **Shinyuu Maitri**.

Note:

- C-130 J aircraft of the Special Operations Squadron of IAF and C-130 H of Tactical Airlift Squadron of JASDF is participating in the exercise.
- The focus of the exercise, to undertake Joint Mobility and Tactical interoperability among the two forces.

4. Who has announced the establishment of the Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI)__ **UAE**

Note:

- It will be first graduate-level, research-based AI university in the world.
- MBZUAI will enable graduate students, businesses and governments to advance the artificial intelligence field.
- The University is named after Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces.
- MBZUAI will provide all admitted students with a full scholarship, plus benefits such as a monthly allowance, health insurance, and accommodation.

5. Interpol to hold the general assembly in India in __ **2022**.

Note:

- 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.
- The general assembly of Interpol is an annual exercise hosted by member countries.
- The organization has 90-million records spread across 17 databases.

6. Two Female Astronauts of the United States of America have become the first all-female to carry out a spacewalk__ **Christina Koch and Jessica Meir**

Note:

- Earlier this year, the mission was aborted following a spacesuit flub.
- They began their mission making standard safety checks on their suits and tethers.

- The US sent its first female astronaut into space in 1983 and has now had more women astronauts than any other country.
7. The oldest known natural pearl in the world has been discovered by Abu Dhabi archaeologists working at a Neolithic site on **Marawah Island**.
- Note:**
- Dubbed the 'Abu Dhabi Pearl', it was found in layers that have been radiocarbon dated to 5,800-5,600 BCE, during the Neolithic period.
 - The discovery is proof that pearls and oysters were being used in the UAE nearly 8,000 years ago and represents the earliest known evidence for pearling yet discovered anywhere in the world.
 - Prior to the Abu Dhabi Pearl discovery, the earliest known pearl in the UAE came from a Neolithic site in Umm Al Qaiwain.

Honor & Awards

1. How many awards bagged by Indian in 2019 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation **Four**.
Note:
 - UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2019 has been announced at a ceremony in Penang, Malaysia.
 - Indian bagged four awards in three categories.
 - India's Flora Fountain and three other landmarks in Mumbai are among the four sites that have been chosen from India.
2. Who has achieved the top rank in the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2019 **Shiv Nadar**.
Note:
 - Mr Nadar ((HCL founder and chairman) made the highest contribution of Rs 826 crore (between April 2018 and March 2019) towards philanthropic causes.
 - Azim Premji (Wipro) has been ranked second with total donations worth Rs 453 crore during the qualifying period.
 - Mukesh Ambani (Chairman, Reliance Industries) came third with a total contribution of Rs 402 crore.
3. 'Friends' star to receive the People's Icon Award at the 2019 People's Choice Awards **Jennifer Aniston**.
Note:
 - The actress would be the second-ever recipient of the title.
 - Last year, Melissa McCarthy accepted the trophy for the inaugural award.
 - Aniston has played the most iconic, unforgettable characters and has conquered comedy and drama on both the small and big screen.
4. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu presented Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award to **former Attorney General K. Parasaran**.
Note:
 - Mr Parasaran was honoured with the award on the Elder's Day celebration of Age Care India, an organization working for the welfare of the elderly.
 - The Award is a fitting recognition of Mr Parasaran's exceptional contribution to the field of law and justice as well as his extraordinary personality.
 - He was awarded Padma Bhushan in 2003 and Padma Vibhushan in 2011

Sports News

1. The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has readmitted countries as ICC members **Zimbabwe and Nepal**.
Note:
 - Zimbabwe Cricket had been suspended from membership of the International Cricket Council (ICC) with immediate effect in July this year.
 - In 2016, Nepal had been banned for "governmental interference".
2. Mumbai teenager has become the **youngest cricketer** in the world to score a **double century** in One Day Cricket **Yashasvi Jaiswal**.
Note:
 - Playing in his debut Vijay Hazare season, Yashasvi Jaiswal (left-handed batsman) scored 203 runs (in 154 balls-12 sixes and 17 fours) against Jharkhand at Alur, Karnataka.

- Yashasvi Jaiswal became the seventh Indian batsman to score a double century in List A cricket and fourth to achieve it in the domestic circuit.
 - Riding on Jaiswal's quickfire double hundred, Mumbai posted 358 for 3 in 50 overs and bowled out the opposition for 319.
3. Argentine **footballer player** received his sixth **Golden Shoe award** at a ceremony at Antiga Fabrica Estrella Damm in Barcelona__ **Lionel Messi**.
- Note:**
- The award is won by the player to score the highest number of goals (36 goals) in Europe's top divisions in a 2018-19 season.
 - Messi has taken the honours in 2009/2010 (34-goals), 2011/12 (50 goals), 2012/13 (46 goals) and 2016/17(37 goals), 2017/18 (34 goals), 2018/19 (36 goals).
 - The award is given to the player who scores the most league goals from the top division of every European national league.
4. Mercedes' **racing driver** has won the 2019 Japanese Grand Prix __ **Valtteri Bottas**.
- Note:**
- Ferrari's driver Sebastian Vettel (Germany) and Mercedes' driver Lewis Hamilton (Britain) were ranked at the 2nd and 3rd respectively.
 - The 2019 Japanese Grand Prix was a Formula One racing event held at the Suzuka International Racing Course in Suzuka in the Mie Prefecture, Japan
5. Who was sacked as Pakistan's Test and T20 captain __ **Sarfaraz Ahmed**.
- Note:**
- According to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), Batsman Azhar Ali would lead the Test side in the two Tests in Australia.
 - While, Babar Azam (25-years) would be the captain in the three T20 matches.
 - Sarfaraz has been captain in all three formats of the game since the last two years and led Pakistan to the 2017 ICC Champions Trophy title.
6. In badminton, Who won the mixed doubles title at the Egypt International 2019 in Cairo__**Kuhoo Garg and Dhruv Rawat**.
- Note:**
- The Garg and Rawat held their nerves for a tight 21-16, 22-20 victory over the Utkarsh Arora and Karishma Wadkar in an all-Indian final.
 - Garg, however, failed to have double delight as she later went down in the women's doubles final with Sanyogita Ghorpade.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. ICICI Bank has announced to launch a new **Fixed Deposit (FD)** scheme with free health insurance____**FD Health**.
- Note:**
- It will offer the dual benefit of an FD along with free critical illness coverage with a sum assured of Rs 1 lakh.
 - The customers will be offered the insurance cover free of cost for the first year and thereafter, they can renew it.
 - This first-of-its-kind offering in the industry provides the customer with a complimentary critical illness cover of Rs. 1 lakh from ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company on opening an FD of Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 3 lakhs for the tenure of at least two years.
2. As per the **World Economic Outlook**, the IMF (International Monetary Fund) cut its forecast for GDP growth for the financial year 2019-20 to ____**6.1%**.
- Note:**
- IMF revises **GDP growth rate** prediction for 2019 at 6.1% and for 2020 at 7.0%
 - The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is an international organization headquartered in Washington, D.C
 - IMF consisting **189 countries** working to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitate international trade, promote high employment and sustainable economic growth, and reduce poverty around the world while periodically depending on World Bank for its resources.
3. Who has issued some instructions and guidelines '**on tap**' authorization of payment systems__ **Reserve bank Of India**.
- Note:**

- The RBI has been decided to offer on-tap authorization for Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU), Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) and White Label ATMs (WLAs).
 - The payment system operators should ensure interoperability among different retail payment systems.
 - As per the guidelines, interested entities should have a minimum of 100 crore rupees net worth and should always be maintained.
 - TReDS scheme is to facilitate the financing of invoices and bills of MSMEs drawn on corporate buyers by way of discounting by financiers.
4. Mastercard has tied up with M.S. Dhoni to launch a nationwide initiative to accelerate the acceptance and adoption of digital payments in India ____ **Team Cashless India**.
- Note:**
- The objective of this initiative to bring consumers and merchants to the “forefront of the digital payments dialogue”.
 - Mastercard will work together with Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), acquirer banks and financial technology companies to support nominated merchants to deploy digital payments acceptance infrastructure.
 - To take part in ‘Team Cashless India’, anyone can either nominate merchants online or give a missed call to 9016861000.
5. Who has slapped tariffs on a record **7.5-billion Dollars**-worth of European goods ____ **US**
- Note:**
- Airbus, French wine and Scottish whiskies are among the high-profile targets.
 - The tariffs were imposed despite pleas from European officials for a last-minute reprieve and French Economy Minister Bruno Le Maire warning of retaliation.
6. The India arm of Netherlands-based Home Credit Group has tied up with a Bank for joint lending to tap the large unbanked customer base across the country ____ **Karur Vysya Bank (KVB)**.
- Note:**
- It has a total business of about Rs 1.1 lakh crore with a deposit base of Rs 60,000 crore and a loan book of Rs 50,000 crore.
 - Home Credit India (entry in 2012) has spread its operations over 179 cities across 20 states and emerged with the largest penetration in below Rs 10,000 category with a customer base of one crore.
 - Karur Vysya Bank is a 103-year-old scheduled commercial bank headquartered at Karur in Tamil Nadu.

Important Days

1. The ‘**World Food Day**’ is observed every year on ____ **16th October**.
Note:
 - The day mark the foundation of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations.
 - The theme of World Food Day 2019 is “Our Actions Are Our Future. Healthy Diets for A #ZeroHunger World”.
 - Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is a specialised agency of the United Nations that works towards defeating hunger via international efforts.
2. The **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** is an international observance celebrated on ____ **17th October**.
Note:
 - The main objective of this day is to raise awareness about the efforts being made to eradicate poverty in the world community.
 - The theme of 2019 is ‘Acting together to empower children, their families and communities to end poverty’.
3. The National Police Commemoration Day is observed every year on ____ **21st October**.
Note:
 - The day remember the brave policemen who sacrificed their lives while discharging their duties.
 - The day commemorates the sacrifices of ten policemen while defending the borders with China in 1959.
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi has **saluted the police forces**, their families and remembers those brave police personnel martyred in the line of duty, on Police

Obituaries

2. **Veteran journalist** passed away following a prolonged illness_ **Kanwar Sain Jolly**.

Note:

- Mr. Jolly retired as Deputy General Manager of PTI news agency in 1993.
- He served at various positions for 40 years at India's premier news agency PTI.

3. Bangladeshi artist passed away in Dhaka___ **Kalidas Karmakar**

Note:

- He was specialized in viscosity printing.
- He was awarded Shilpakala Padak (2016) and the Ekushey Padak (2018) by the Government of Bangladesh for his contribution to fine arts

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the new **Controller General of Accounts (CGA)** __**Shri J.P.S. Chawla**.

Note:

- He will replace **Girraj Prasad Gupta**.
- CGA works under the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
- The responsibility of establishing and maintaining a technically sound management accounting system rests with the CGA.

2. A former **professor of constitutional law** has been elected new President of Tunisia __ **Kais Saied**.

Note:

- He will succeed Mohamed Ennaceur who is currently the interim President of Tunisia since July 2019 following the death of President Beji Caid Essebsi.
- Mr. Saied will assume the office on 30th October 2019 as the 6th President of Tunisia.

3. Former **Indian cricket Captain** unanimously nominated as the new President of the Board of control for Cricket in India (BCCI) __ **Saurabh Ganguly**.

Note:

- **Jay Shah** (son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah) has been unanimously selected as Secretary and Arun Dhumal (younger brother of MoS Finance Anurag Thakur) as Treasurer.
- All these candidates are expected to be elected unopposed at the Board's Annual General Meeting to be held on 23rd October 2019.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is the national governing body for cricket in India.

4. Senior IPS officer has been appointed as Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG) __ **Anup Kumar Singh**.

Note:

- He succeeds Sudeep Lakhtakia.
- NSG was raised in 1984 as a federal contingency force with a specific aim to undertake counter-terror and counter-hijack operations and it was later tasked to protect

5. State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman has been appointed as the new Chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for 2019-20___**Rajnish Kumar**.

Note:

- He will succeed Sunil Mehta, who was the MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank (PNB).
- Rakesh Sharma (MD & CEO of IDBI Bank) will be honorary secretary of IBA.

6. Who appointed as a Whole-Time Member (WTM) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) for a period of 5 years___ **Sudhaker Shukla**.

Note:

- With this appointment, the Governing Board of IBBI is complete, which can have a total strength of 10.
- The Governing Board Members of IBBI consists of a Chairman, 3 WTM, four ex officio members and two part-time members.

7. IFS officer has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua___ **Upender Singh Rawat**.

Note:

- He will be succeeding Yogeshwar Varma.

- The Republic of Nicaragua is the largest country in the Central American isthmus.

8. Indonesia's President has been sworn into office for his second and final five-year term__ **Joko Widodo**.

Note:

- He was sworn into office along with vice president Maruf Amin (76-year-old), who replaces Widodo's vice president in his first term, Jusuf Kalla.
- Widodo clinched victory with 55.5% of the vote in the 17th April 2019 presidential election.
- The President of the Republic of Indonesia is the head of government of the Republic of Indonesia.

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