

Weekly One Liners 1st to 6th of October 2019

President Kovind appoints Chief Justices to 7 high courts

- President **Ramnath Kovind** appoints Chief Justices to seven high courts. Those chief justices have been appointed to Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana, Gauhati, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim High Courts.

Name	High court
Lingappa Narayana Swamy	Himachal Pradesh High Court
Ravi Shanker Jha	Punjab and Haryana High Court
Indrajit Mohanty	Rajasthan High Court
J.K. Maheshwari	Andhra Pradesh High Court
S. Manikumar	Kerala High Court
Arup K. Goswami	Sikkim High Court
Ajai Lamba	Gauhati High Court

- Four of the new Chief Justices would fill the vacancies left by Justices V. Ramasubramanian, Krishna Murari, S. Ravindra Bhat and Hrishikesh Roy, who were elevated to the Supreme Court recently from the Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana, Rajasthan, and Kerala High Courts, respectively

RBI reduces repo rate by 25 basis points in 4th Bi-monthly Monetary Policy

- In its **4th Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Committee** meeting, the **Reserve Bank of India** has reduced the policy repo rate by **25 basis points (bps)**.
- The MPC has also decided to maintain the **accommodative stance** of monetary policy. The main decisions taken in the 4th Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Committee meeting are:
 - The **repo rate** under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) was reduced from **5.40% to 5.15%**.
 - The **reverse repo rate** under the LAF stands revised to **4.90%**.
 - The **marginal standing facility (MSF)** rate and the Bank Rate is revised to **5.40%**.
 - RBI has also reduced the real **GDP growth** for 2019-20 from **6.9% to 6.1%**.

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National Affairs

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** flagged off **Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express** from the New Delhi Railway Station. The first commercial run of the train will start from 5th October.
- **Palestine** has released a **commemorative postage stamp** on **Mahatma Gandhi**, honouring his legacy and values, to mark the 150 birth anniversary of the world leader.
- Union Minister **Smriti Irani** Inaugurates India's Largest '**Charkha**' made of Waste Plastic in Noida. This 'charkha' (spinning wheel) made of used plastic waste was inaugurated the eve of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.
- The Nation pays homage to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on his **150th birth anniversary on 2nd October 2019**.
- The nation is also remembering Former **Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri** on his **115th birth anniversary**. He gave the nation the powerful slogan of **Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan** to enthuse soldiers and farmers.
- China unveiled the **Dongfeng-41 (DF-41)** intercontinental-range ballistic missile, touted to be the most powerful missile on the planet at the National Day parade, as China observed its 70th anniversary of Communist rule.
- The nationwide **Paryatan Parv, 2019** kicked off to promote tourism in the country. The aim is to propagate the message of **Dekho Apna Desh** to encourage people to visit tourist destinations of the country and also spread the message of Tourism for All.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and **Mauritius PM Pravind Jugnauth** jointly inaugurated 2 landmark projects in Mauritius via video conference.
- Tourism Ministry has launched the Audio Guide facility "**Audio Odigos**" for 12 sites of India (including Iconic Sites) on the occasion of "**Paryatan Parv 2019**".
- Passengers of IRCTC's **Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express** will be compensated in case of delays, the Railway subsidiary, announcing a first of its kind offer from any national carrier.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** flagged off country's first private train **Delhi-Lucknow Tejas Express** started its maiden journey from Lucknow. It will be the first train of Indian Railways that will be entirely run by **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)**.
- The **Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC)-2019** was inaugurated by the National Security Advisor, Shri Ajit Kumar Doval, at Goa.

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States in the News

- **Rajasthan** became the **third state** in India after **Maharashtra and Bihar** to **ban certain categories of pan masala** containing magnesium carbonate, nicotine, tobacco, mineral oil and flavoured 'supari'. \
- Chief Minister of **Odisha Naveen Patnaik** rolled out '**Mo Sarkar**' programme which finds its roots in the Gandhian philosophy of giving people their voice in daily governance.
- Chief Minister of **Uttarakhand Trivendra Singh Rawat** launched an awareness campaign "**Urjagiri**" which aims at stopping power theft and saving.

- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh **Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** will launch the “**YSR Vahana Mitra scheme**” in Eluru, Andhra Pradesh.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur** launched the **Pragati Rath** of the **HDFC bank**

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Army** under which the bank would offer customised services along with a host of facilities to account holders.

Books and Authors

- A book penned by Indian Ambassador to the Netherlands **Venu Rajamony** titled ‘**India and the Netherlands – Past, Present and Future,**’ was released in Amsterdam.
- A new book entitled “**The Tech Whisperer**”, written by digital transformation expert **Jaspreet Bindra**, features a chapter on AI (Artificial Intelligence).

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **State Bank of India** opened its Melbourne office and becoming the first Indian bank to have a branch in the **Australian state of Victoria**.
- **Axis Bank**, India’s third-largest private sector bank has launched the ‘**Express FD**’, a digital fixed deposit (FD) product that allows a customer to open an FD account in 3 minutes through the digital mode without opening a savings account with the bank.
- **UCO Bank** has launched three new digital products called, **UCash, Digilocker and an app** in Kolkata, West Bengal.

Appointments/Resignations

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has superseded the Board of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank Limited, Mumbai and appointed **Jai Bhagwan Bhoria** as the bank’s administrator with all powers of the board.
- Senior Indian Information Service officer, **KS Dhatwalia**, has been appointed as the Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau.
- **SS Mallikarjuna Rao** was appointed as the Managing Director(MD)and Chief Executive of the Punjab National Bank(PNB).
- The former Indian captain **Kapil Dev** decision to resign from the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) of BCCI.
- Air Marshal **S K Ghotia** has taken over as the new Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the South Western Air Command (SWAC) of the Indian Air Force (IAF), at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

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- The government has appointed economist **Surjit Bhalla** as the executive director of the International Monetary Fund for a period of three years.
- Digital infrastructure provider, Tata Communications has named **Amur S Lakshminarayanan** as Managing Director and Group Chief Executive Officer designate of the company.
- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of India was appointed **Amrit Lugun** as the next Ambassador of India to Greece.
- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of India notified that **Muktesh Kumar Pardeshi** was appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Niue.
- Oil India Limited has appointed **Sushil Chandra Mishra** as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company.
- **Vijay Patil** has been elected the president of Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA), while Sanjay Naik and Amol Kale were elected as secretary and vice-president Respectively.

Defence News

- India successfully test-fired a land-attack version of **BrahMos supersonic missile** from Chandipur coast in Odisha's Balasore district. DRDO conducted the test-fire successfully.

Awards and Recognitions

- 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.
- President Ram Nath Kovind presented the most effective **Swachhta Ambassador award to Former Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar** on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- England all-rounder **Ben Stokes** has been voted Professional Cricketers' Association player of the year at the Professional Cricketers' Association awards.
- Human rights lawyer from Kyrgyzstan **Azizbek Ashurov** was awarded the 2019 UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) prestigious Nansen Award.

Ranks and Reports

- **Kerala** has topped the "**School Education Quality Index**" launched by NITI Aayog. Uttar Pradesh was ranked at the bottom of the list. Chandigarh has topped the list of Union Territories.

Sports News

- India's **N. Wilson Singh and Satish Kumar Prahapati** won the gold medal in the 10m platform synchronised diving event at the Asian Age Group Championships held in Bengaluru.
- Jamaican sprint legend Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce won gold medal in **100m race of 2019 IAAF World Championships** held in Doha.

- Indian fencer **Bhavani Devi** wins the silver medal in the women's sabre individual event at the Tournoi satellite competition in Belgium.
- Formula One world champion **Lewis Hamilton** of Mercedes won the 2019 Russia F1 Grand Prix (Formula 1 GP) at Sochi Autodrom race track in Russia.
- **Maj Abdul Quadir Khan** of the Corps of Signals has won the Silver medal at the 53rd Asian Body Building and Physique Sports Championship held at Batam, Indonesia.

Important Days

- The United Nations observes 1 October every year as **International Day of Older Persons**. 2019 Theme: **The Journey to Age Equality**.
- The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on **2 October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi**.
- **World Teachers' Day or International Teachers' Days** is celebrated on **October 5**.

Obituaries

- Indian National Army (INA) veteran **V Ganesan** passed away. He joined Netaji's INA at the age of 18 and received six months of military training in Singapore.
- Legendary Mexican singer **Jose Jose** who was often called 'El Principe de la Cancion' or 'The Prince of Song, passes away.
- **Jessye Norman**, the renowned international opera star whose passionate soprano voice won her 4 Grammy awards and the national medal of arts, passed away recently.
- American-Austrian film producer **Eric Pleskow** the Hollywood tycoon passed away.
- Renowned kidney transplant surgeon and Padma Shri recipient Dr **H L Trivedi** passed away.
- **Farook Khan**, an Indian-origin journalist in South Africa passed away.
- Centenarian philatelist and coin collector Krishna **Gopalkrishna Kadekodi** passed away. He was 102.
- The second highest Buddhist leader of Bangladesh and head of Sima Bihar of Ramu, **Satyapriya Mohathero** passed away in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Miscellaneous News

- **UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) and Doordarshan**, country's public service broadcaster have joined hands to telecast TV bilingual programme '**Mahatma Lives**' or '**Bapu Zinda Hain**' on 1-2 October 2019.
- Film Division in association with India Tourism will organise a "**Gandhi Film Festival**" in Mumbai from 2nd to 6th October, 2019.
- Power Minister RK Singh and Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi have jointly launched **PRAKASH - Power Rail Koyla Availability through Supply Harmony**- portal in New Delhi.

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- **National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports to provide project management consultancy for the development of National Sports University at Imphal, Manipur.
- The **National Basketball Association (NBA)** brought to India the first-ever Floating Basketball Court in the Arabian Sea in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Static Takeaways

- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- SBI Chairperson: Rajnish Kumar; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 July 1955.
- DRDO Chairman: G Satheesh Reddy, Established: 1958; Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Capital of Belgium: Brussels; Currency of Belgium: Euro.
- Headquarters of United Nations: New York, USA; Founded: 24 October 1945.
- Secretary General of the United Nations: Antonio Guterres.
- Director-General of UNESCO: Audrey Azoulay; UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France.
- President of China: Xi Jinpings.
- Capital of China: Beijing; Currency: Renminbi.
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan: Ashok Gehlot; Governor: Kalraj Mishra.
- Headquarters of PNB: New Delhi; Founded: 19 May 1894.
- Founder: Dyal Singh Majithia and Lala Lajpat Rai.
- President of BCCI: C.K. Khanna; Headquarters of BCCI: Mumbai.
- The Indian Air Force is the air arm of the Indian Armed Forces.
- Indian Air Force was founded on 08th October 1932.
- Headquarters of IAF is in New Delhi.
- Managing Director & CEO of BOB: P S Jayakumar; Headquarters: Baroda, Gujarat.
- Chairman of Axis Bank: Rakesh Makhija; Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Netherlands Capital: Amsterdam, Currency: Euro and USD.
- Minister of State (I/C) of Tourism Ministry: Prahalad Singh Patel.
- Railway Minister: Piyush Goyal.
- Odisha CM: Naveen Patnaik; Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
- Capital of Uttarakhand: Dehradun; Governor: Baby Rani Maurya.
- Capital of Greece: Athens; Currency of Greece: Euro.
- Capital of Niue: Alofi; Currency: Niue dollar, New Zealand dollar.
- Governor of RBI: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- UNHCR Founded: 14 December 1950; Headquarters of UNHCR: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Chief Minister of Manipur: N. Biren Singh; Governor of Manipur: Padmanabha Balkrishna Acharya.
- MD & CEO of UCO Bank: Atul Kumar Goel; Headquarters: Kolkata, West Bengal.
- Governor of Himanchal Pradesh: Bandaru Dattatraya.

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