



1. Amitabh Kant was given a two-year extension as the Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog on June 26, 2019. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension of Mr. Kant's tenure for a further period of two years beyond June 30, 2019, i.e. up to June 30, 2021, on the same terms and conditions.
2. The government has appointed senior IPS officer Arvind Kumar as the director of the Intelligence Bureau. He is considered an expert hand on matters related to Kashmir.
3. Team India is the best catching side so far in the ongoing cricket world cup with just one dropped catch, while India's arch-rival Pakistan is the worst catching side with 14 dropped catches.
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5. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has stripped Olympic status from the troubled world boxing body AIBA. The AIBA president, Gafur Rakhimov is under the United States federal sanctions for suspected links to eastern European organized crime. As a result, the IOC will now organize qualifying and final tournaments for the 2020 Tokyo Games.
6. India's candidature for a non-permanent seat at the powerful UN Security Council for a two-year term has been endorsed by the 55 Asia-Pacific countries at the world body. A video message accompanying Mr. Akbaruddin's tweet said, "Asia-Pacific Group endorses India for Non-Permanent Seat of United Nations Security Council. 55 countries, 1 nominee - India for a non-permanent seat of UN Security Council Term 2021-2022."
7. US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi to discuss several contentious issues as well as ways to strengthen the India-US ties. Pompeo also met Foreign Minister S Jaishankar to prepare the groundwork for the summit level meeting between US President Donald Trump and PM Modi on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Osaka, Japan on July 28.
8. Flipkart's co-founder Binny Bansal sold around 54 lakh of his equity shares valued at USD 76 million to FIT Holdings SARL, Walmart's Luxembourg entity. Walmart is headquartered in Arkansas, United States.
9. Mohamed Ould Ghazouani was declared as the winner of Mauritania presidential elections



2019. He is a former Defense Minister of the country. Ghazouani won over 52 percent of the votes, as per the country's electoral commission.

**10.** The World Bank recently approved a USD 147 Million Loan to Jharkhand. In this regard, a tripartite agreement was signed between the Indian Government, Jharkhand, and the World Bank. The loan will help improve the management capacity of the urban local bodies.

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