



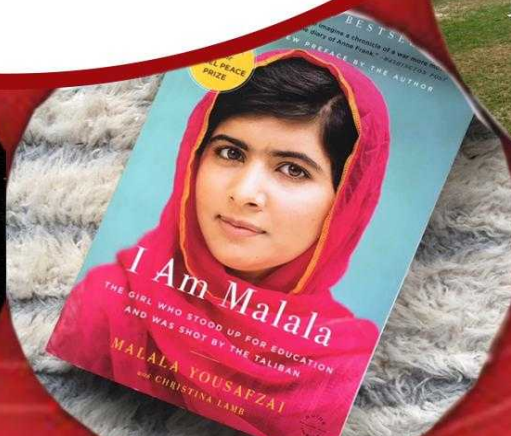
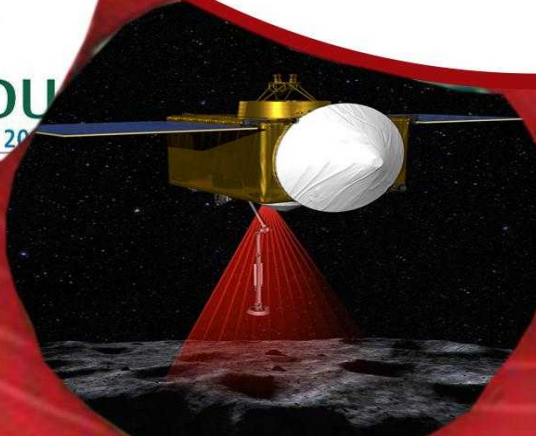
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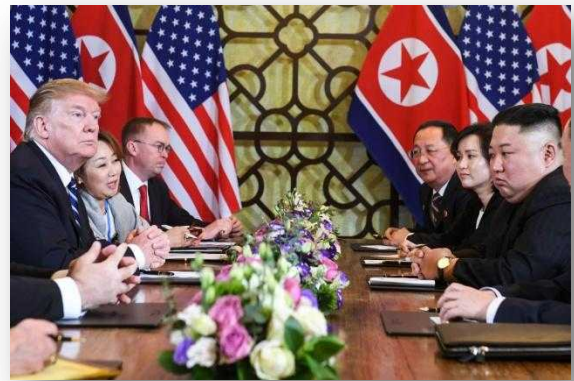
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National News

- On 27th February, 2019, Petroleum Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** has handed over the 100th Letter of Intent (LoI) under **SATAT- Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation** scheme to **Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG)** entrepreneur, which is an waste to wealth venture.
 - After hand over of LoI, CBG would significantly reduce India's import burden and provide an environment friendly and low cost alternative to conventional petroleum fuels.
- **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD)** with Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have organized a national conference on **"Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme"** at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on 1st March, 2019.
 - The motive behind this conference is to lay impact on the need for creation of an inclusive society that accepts and respects disabled persons without discrimination.
- **Border Security Force (BSF)** and **Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB)** took part in the **3-day 'Mainamati Maitree Exercise 2019'** as a part of **'Confidence Building Measures'** between the two border guards of **India** and **Bangladesh** held in a general area of BSF's **Srimantapur border outpost** near **Agartala, Tripura.**
- The Railways has decided to suspend operations of the Indo-Pak Samjhauta Express on its side due to the drastic decline in occupancy especially after the Pulwama terror attack
 - The Railway Board has decided to cancel all operations from the train's next scheduled run.
 - Pakistan has already suspended services on its end in the aftermath of the February 14 terror attack on CRPF personnel in Pulwama.
- West Bengal Education Minister, **Partha Chatterjee** unveiled a web portal, **"Banglar Shiksha"** (banglarshiksha.gov.in), to provide **real-time data on state-run and aided schools.**
 - This Web portal will store real-time data of 1.5 crore students, 5 lakh

teachers and 1 lakh schools and will also address many issues like attendance of students and teachers.

International News

- The United States and North Korea have failed to reach a formal deal at the Hanoi Summit.
 - The talk has ended with no agreement after the US refused North Korean demand to lift all international sanctions.
 - The two-day meeting in the Vietnamese capital Hanoi had come eight months after their historic summit in Singapore in June last year.

Economy

- According to the US-based rating agency – **Moody's** quarterly **Global Macro Outlook** which was released on 1st March, 2019, Indian economy is expected to grow at 7.3 per cent in 2019 and 2020.
 - According to Moody's India is less exposed to decline in global manufacturing trade growth than other Asian economies and emerging markets and is balanced to grow at a relatively stable pace in the next two years.

Awards

- Vice President **Shri M Venkaiah Naidu** presented **Kalam Innovation in Governance Award 2019**, at the **third edition of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Summit on Innovation and Governance** held in **New Delhi**.
 - On this occasion, he also started 75 new Kalam Digital Libraries spread across the country, which will be serving as centers for no-cost digital based learning in schools.

Sports

- The **England women's cricket team** are currently playing the **India women's cricket team** in **February** and **March 2019**.
 - The tour consists of **3 Women's One Day Internationals (WODIs)**, which formed part of the **2017–20 ICC Women's Championship**, and **3 Women's Twenty20 International (WT20)** matches.
- **West Indies cricketer Chris Gayle** became the **first player in the world** to hit **500 sixes** the 14th batsman and second from the Caribbean after Brian Lara, to reach the milestone of 10,000 ODI runs, after scoring 162 off 97 balls against England in the fourth ODI at the National Cricket Stadium in St George's, Grenada.

Important Days

- **Zero Discrimination day observed on 1st March**
 - Zero Discrimination Day observed on 1st March is an annual worldwide event that promotes diversity and recognizes that everyone counts.
 - Organizations like the United Nations (UN) actively promote the day with various activities to celebrate everyone's right to live a full life with dignity regardless of age, gender, sexuality, nationality, ethnicity, skin color, height, weight, profession, education, and beliefs.