



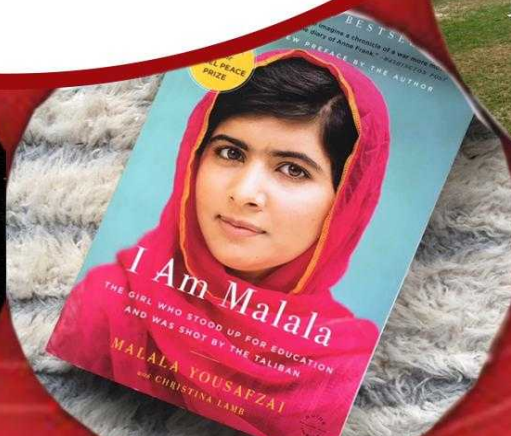
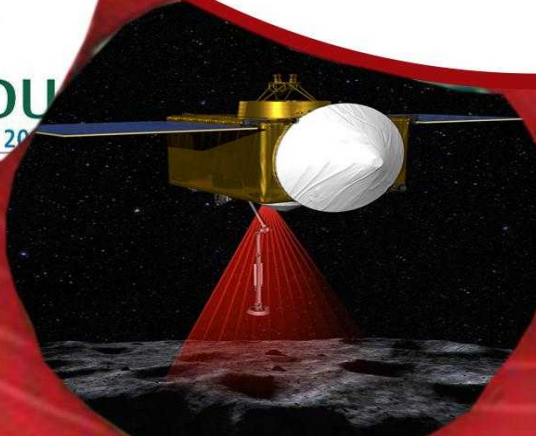
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## National News

- Amid the ongoing tension with Pakistan, **India signed a \$3.3 billion deal with Russia** for leasing the **third nuclear-powered Akula class attack submarine**. An Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) was signed between the two countries in New Delhi. The submarine, to be called **Chakra -3, will be delivered in 2025 for a 10-year period**.
  - India at the moment operates Chakra-2 whose 10-year lease ending in 2022. INS Chakra is a nuclear-powered submarine and unlike INS Arihant, the other nuclear submarine in Indian navy fleet.
- In a first, **the government has announced new Rs 20 coin** which will be shaped like a **12-edged polygon** (dodecagon). The outside diameter of new Rs 20 coin will be 27mm (millimeters) and it will weigh 8.54 grams. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** released the new series of **“visually impaired friendly circulation” coins (Re 1, Rs 2, Rs 5, Rs 10 and Rs 20)**. Except for the Rs 20 coin, the rest of the denominations will be round in shape.
- To ease the use of public transport in the nation capital, the **Delhi government launched a common mobility app ‘One Delhi’** to allow users plan more efficiently their journey with Delhi Metro and all city buses. The app was developed by **Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System, or DIMTS**.
  - To make travel easier in Delhi, the app allows users to access all bus stops, bus and metro routes, fares, expected time of arrival (ETA) of buses and metro.
- According to **Knight Frank report Mumbai**, the financial capital of the country, is the **16th most expensive** prime residential market in the world.
  - The Mumbai is the only Indian city to feature in the **global top 20 list** of expensive prime residential markets recorded in **The Wealth Report 2019**.
- The country’s **500th Passport Kendra** has been made operational **at Pratapgarh in Rajasthan**. The **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)**, in collaboration with the **Department of Posts**, had in 2017 taken the initiative to open Passport Kendras at the head post offices/post offices in the country, to be known as **“Post Office Passport Seva Kendras” (POPSK)**.

## Sports News

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has banned former Zimbabwe Cricket director Enock Ikope for a period of 10 years for the offence of breaching 3 ICC's anti-corruption codes.
  - He is the second person from the Harare Metropolitan Cricket Association to be punished by the ICC, the first being Rajan Nayer who was banned from cricket for 20 years for his involvement in match fixing.

## Economy

- AU Small Finance Bank Ltd., a Fortune India 500 company and one of India's fastest growing banks, announced its partnership with a new age insurtech company, Acko General Insurance Limited. Partnering with Acko, India's first digital insurer, AU bank is now set to provide customized insurance products to its customers.
  - Based on user behavior data, Acko's solution is designed to offer contextual insurance, enabling AU to deliver tailor-made policies that offer the right coverage when the customer needs it.

## Awards

- **The Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport in New Delhi** has been adjudged as the **best airport** in the category of **over 40 million passengers per annum (MPPA) in Asia Pacific** by **Airports Council International (ACI) in the Airport Service Quality Programme for 2018**.
  - The airport stood World No. 2 in the highest category of more than 40 million passengers per annum in 2016. In 2017, the Delhi Airport was adjudged as the best Airport in the highest category of over 40 MPPA.

## Appointment

- **Indian-American television personality and food expert Padma Lakshmi** has been appointed by the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** as its **newest Goodwill Ambassador**, supporting the agency's fight against inequality and discrimination around the world.
  - The announcement was made by UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner, on the eve of International Women's Day.

## Important Days

- **International Women's Day (IWD)** is celebrated on **March 8** every year. It is a focal point in the movement for women's rights. International Women's Day is a worldwide event that celebrates women's achievements from the political to the social while calling for gender equality.
  - **The International Women's Day 2019** campaign **theme** of "**Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for change: Balance For Better**" is a call-to-action for driving gender balance across the world.