



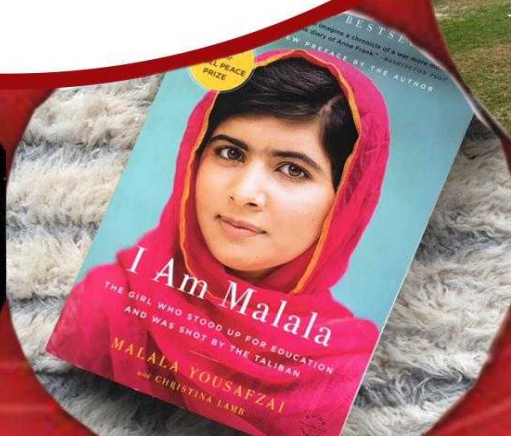
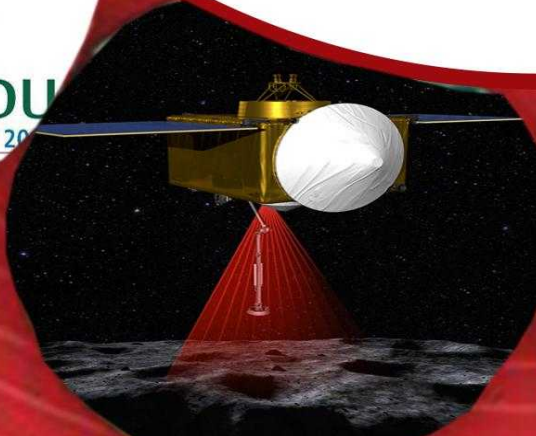
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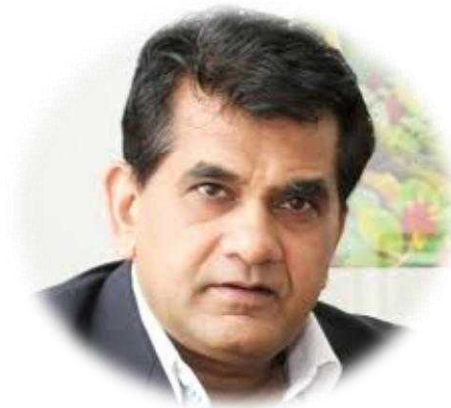
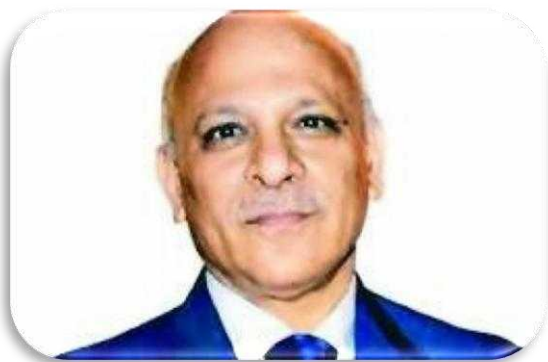
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National News

- For the amicable settlement of **Ayodhya's Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case**, the five-judge bench, headed by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) **Ranjan Gogoi**, constituted a **three-member mediation panel** headed by former Supreme Court (SC) judge **Justice F. M. Kalifullah** to resolve the issue.
 - The other members of the panel include spiritual guru **Sri Sri Ravi Shankar** and Senior Advocate **Sriram Panchu**.
- On 9th March 2019, the government allotted its 7-crore free cooking gas (LPG) connection, as a part of the **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)**.
 - **7** crore free LPG connections have been issued in the past **34** months which approximates to almost 69,000 connections per day.
- On 7th March 2019, The **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)** signed an agreement with the **International Finance Corporation (IFC)** in cooperation. IFC is a member of the World Bank Group.
 - The cooperation agreement provides a **technical assistance by IFC to IBBI until 30th June, 2021**. It will provide training of insolvency professionals and trainers by the IFC to IBBI.
- **West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee** launched a new scheme called **Yuvashree Plan II or Yuvashree Arpan** under which 50,000 youths will receive financial assistance of **Rs 1 lakh** for setting up an their own business initiatives.
 - Youngsters passing out of **Industrial training institute (ITI)** or other polytechnic institute will be eligible to get financial support from the **micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME)** department.
- **Mukhyamantri Anchal Amrit Yojana** was launched in **Dehradun** by **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat**.
 - The scheme aims to provide 100 ml milk twice a week, free of cost, to 2.5 lakh children at 20,000 Anganwadi kendras of Uttarakhand.

Awards

- The **Ministry of Tourism**, Government of India was awarded the **First** Prize in the category- **TV Cinema Spot** at the **International Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2019** held at Internationale Tourismus-Börse (ITB), Berlin. The awards were received by Shri **Yogendra Tripathi**, Secretary, Tourism.

Appointment

- On 9th March 2019, Subhash Chandra Garg, the Economic Affairs Secretary was appointed as the Finance Secretary by the Personnel Ministry.
 - His appointment was approved the by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet which is led by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Economy

- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) released a ‘Suggested Election Manifesto for political parties to achieve an average growth rate of 8% per annum in the next 5 years.
 - The manifesto provides an economic roadmap for the upcoming government covering a range of subjects like agriculture, education, health, infrastructure, manufacturing, technology as well as environment.

Science & Technology

- On 10th March 2019, China lifted its broadband communication system by launching a Long March – 3B carrier rocket with ‘ChinaSat 6C’ into a geostationary orbit in Sichuan province.
 - The ‘ChinaSat 6C’ was launched from Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Sichuan province. It is a 19 story tall rocket which is expected to provide high quality radio and television transmission services.

Important Days

- On 9th March 2019, the c was launched by the President of India, **Ram Nath Kovind**. The launch took place by administering polio drops to children below **five** years at the **Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi**.
 - The programme was launched on the eve of **National Immunisation Day** which shall be observed on 10th March 2019, Sunday.


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