



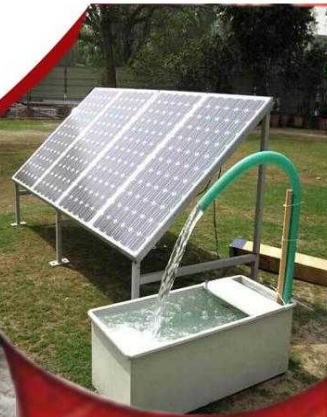
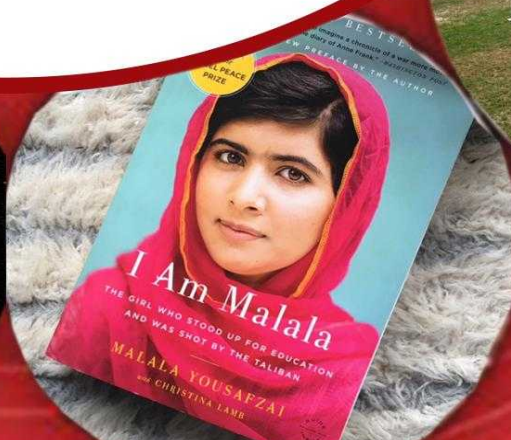
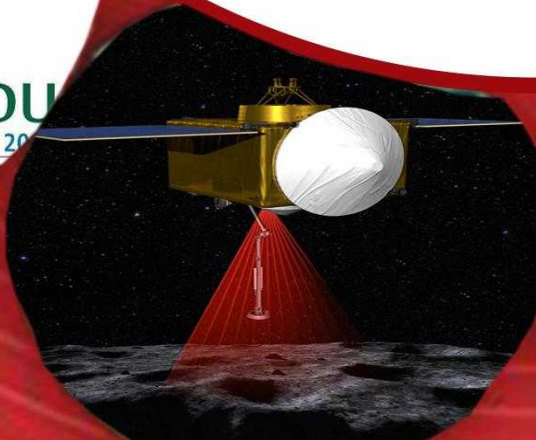
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## National News

- **India's data consumption** is expected to grow at a **compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of about 72.6 per cent** to 10,96,58,793 million MB **by 2022**, according to a study. "With lower-than-ever data tariffs and increasing number of smartphone penetration in the country, which is around 40 per cent as of 2017, it is safe to assume that the **Video on Demand (VoD)** market will be a significant beneficiary of these developments. Internet consumption is clearly on the rise in India," according to the **Assocham-PwC study**.
- On 9th March 2019, The Centre formed **National Mission on Transformative Mobility and Battery Storage** to finalise the framework for a **Phased Manufacturing Program (PMP)**. The main aim of the framework is localising the production of electric vehicles (EV) and its components within the country and boost the adoption of clean energy vehicles.
- Minister of State (I/C) for Housing and Urban Affairs, **Hardeep S Puri**, inaugurated the state-of-the-art **India Urban Observatory** and **Video Wall** at **New Delhi**. The **India Urban Observatory** will plug into the myriad sources of data from cities, both from real-time and archival sources.
- **Maldives** and **India** exchanged diplomatic notes for implementing the visa facilitation agreement, which was signed during President **Ibu Solih's** visit in **December 2018** and will come into effect from **11th March 2019**.
  - The new agreement provides a very liberal visa regime for **Maldivian** nationals to visit **India** for tourism, business, education and medical purposes and also makes it easier for **Indians** to travel to **Maldives** for business purposes.

## International News

- A **116-year-old Japanese woman** has been honoured as the world's oldest living person by **Guinness World Records**. The global authority on records officially recognised **Kane Tanaka** in a ceremony at the nursing home where she lives in

Fukuoka, in southwest Japan. She was born in January 1903.

- The previous oldest living person was another Japanese woman, Chiyo Miyako, who passed away last July, aged 117.

## Economy

- In a first-of-its kind move that will ensure faster monetary transmission, the nation's largest lender **State Bank of India announced linking of its savings deposits rates and short-term loans to the RBI's repo rate**. The new rates linked the external benchmark rate of the repo rate, will be effective **May 1**.

## Science & Technology

- An app to detect fake currency has been developed by Researchers at **IIT Kharagpur**. Upload the image of the currency note and the app would then perform verification of its authenticity with the help of 25 features that have been extracted from both the sides of the note .If a fake note is detected, a notification will be sent to the user.

## Appointments

- **Citigroup has named Ashu Khullar as the new India head** after its current chief executive officer Pramit Jhaveri steps down. Khullar is currently the head of capital markets origination for the Asia-pacific region. Having joined Citi in 1988, he has worked across both developed and emerging markets in Europe, Middle East Africa and India.
  - Citi India's current CEO Jhaveri will take charge as vice-chairman of banking, capital markets and advisory, Asia Pacific, from April 1.

## Sports News

- **Kavinder Singh Bisht struck gold** while Shiva Thapa and three others claimed silver medals to end a fine Indian campaign at **the 38th GeeBee Boxing Tournament in Helsinki, Finland**. Signing off with silver medals were three-time Asian medallist Shiva Thapa, rookie Govind Sahani, Commonwealth Games bronze-medallist Mohammed Hussamuddin and Dinesh Dagar.
  - In a rare all-Indian final, a gritty Bisht was up against Commonwealth Games bronze-medallist Hussamuddin in the 56kg summit clash.

## Awards

- Priyanka Dubey, a bilingual correspondent with the BBC at its Delhi bureau, has been named for the Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Journalist for the year 2018.



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