



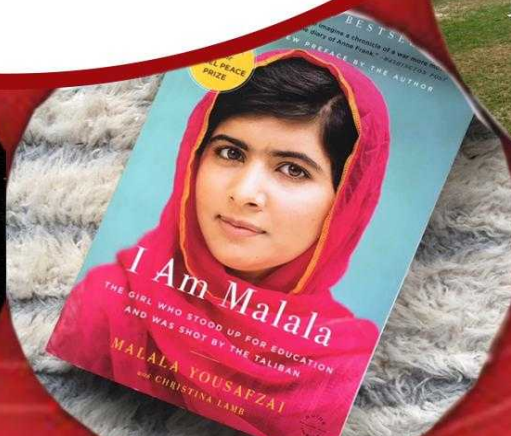
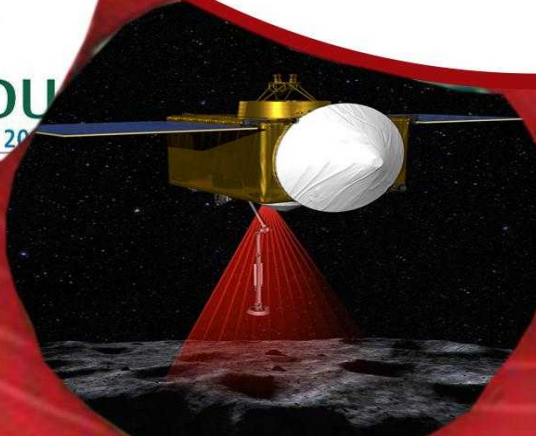
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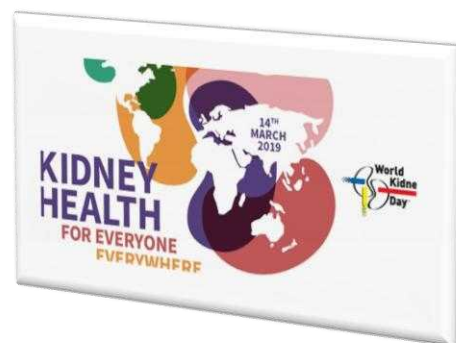
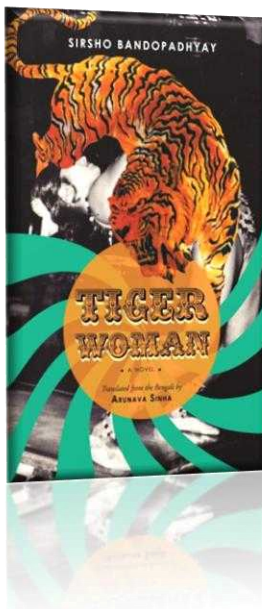
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## National News

- On 13th March 2019, The Supreme Court clarified its last year order on police reforms and said officers who have a **minimum of six months tenure left in service** can be considered for the post of **Director General of Police (DGP)**.
  - Chief Justice **Ranjan Gogoi** headed the bench and recommendation for the post of DGP by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and preparation of the appointment panel should be **purely on the basis of merit**.
- On 13th March 2019, following the advice of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, atleast 12 states in India have **banned Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)**.
  - Punjab, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Jharkhand have taken steps to ban the use of ENDS.
- **IT major Wipro Ltd** opened its centre of excellence for **Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) in Kochi in Kerala**. Using Artificial Intelligence (AI), blockchain and robotics, the centre will develop proofs of concept and market-ready IoT solutions.
  - The facility is Wipro's third one dedicated to industrial IoT after one each in Mountain View in California and Bengaluru.

## International Affairs

- On 13th March 2019, the **9th round of the U.S.-India Strategic Security Dialogue** held **in Washington DC, United States**. Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale led the Indian delegation and Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Andrea Thompson led the US delegation.

## Economy

- **Infosys would open a digital innovation centre at Bucharest in Romania** to develop software for clients based on cloud, big data, artificial intelligence and machine learning. The \$11-billion outsourcing firm also tied up with the **University of Bucharest and the University Politehnica Bucharest** for innovation and Romanian workforce development, including joint training courses, scholarships and research.
  - The services will be in cyber forensics, ethical hacking, security analytics, threat detection and response.

## Awards

- Andhra Pradesh IT minister **Nara Lokesh**, BJP MP **Poonam Mahajan** and Xiaomi India head **Manu Kumar Jain** are among the 6 Indians featuring in the list of **Young Global Leaders**, according to the World Economic Forum (WEF).
  - The list has **127** of the world's most promising social activists, business leaders, public servants, artists and technologists under the age of **40**.
- Social entrepreneur from Tamil Nadu, **Padmanaban Gopalan**, founder of No Food Waste, was named the winner of the **Commonwealth Youth Award** for the Asian region worth **3,000 Pounds** at a ceremony at the Common wealth Secretariat in **London**.

## Appointments

- The Government also appointed **M. R. Kumar** as the Chairman of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) for a period of 5 years.
  - He was the Zonal Manager (In-Charge) of North Zone, Delhi prior to this appointment.

## Sports

- On 14th March 2019, After South America's ruling body CONMEBOL once

again ruled out a US proposal to host the tournament, **Argentina and Colombia** are poised to **co-host the 2020 Copa America**.

- It is for the first time in the modern Copa America era that the tournament will be split between two countries. The two countries separated by some 4,350 miles (7,000 kilometers)

  
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