



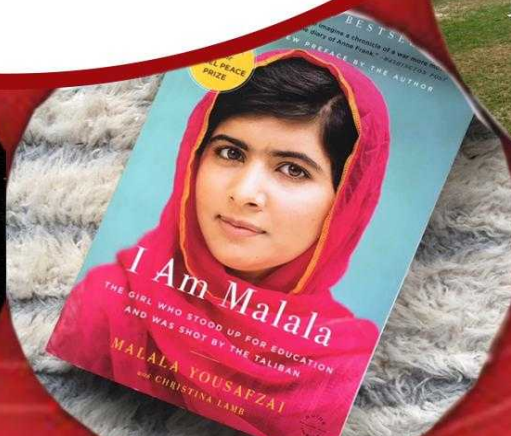
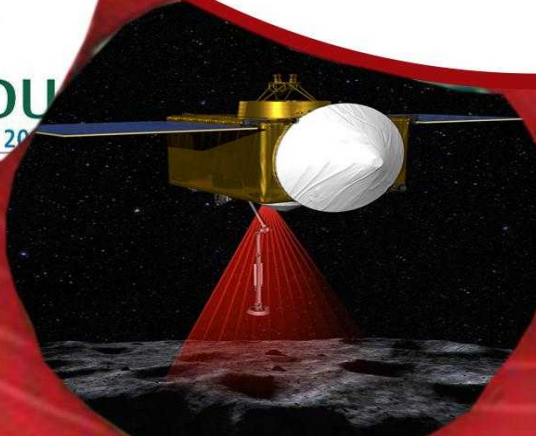
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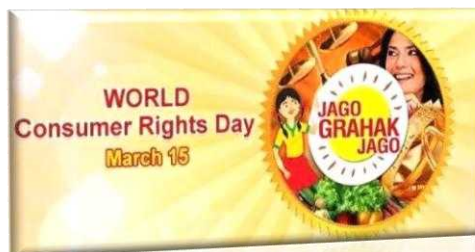
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## NATIONAL NEWS

- **India was ranked 16th in the world in terms of highest number of impacted species in biodiversity-rich zones (also known as hotspots)** due to human actions. In India, 35 species affected on an average in biodiversity-rich zones.
  - **Malaysia ranks first** among countries with highest number of impacted species (on an average 125 species).
- On 15th March 2019, The President of India Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the **Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE)** in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. **10th Biennial National Grassroots Innovation awards** were also distributed by the President on the occasion.
- **India and Pakistan** have agreed to work together to operationalise the **Kartarpur** corridor which makes it easier for the Indian pilgrims to visit Gurdwara Darbar Sahib at Kartarpur in Pakistan.
  - The decision was made in the first meeting between Indian and Pakistani representatives held at **Attari, Punjab** in which the Indian delegation was led by S C L Das, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Pakistani delegation was led by Dr. Mohammad Faisal, Director General for South Asia and South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **The African Development Bank (AfDB)** would provide **2.5 trillion** shillings (\$25 billion) over the next **5 years to help in the global fight against climate change**. The bank currently provides 34 per cent of its overall lending portfolio to projects aiming to boost the fight against climate change.
  - According to the AfDB, the central banks own \$1.2 trillion dollars worth of reserves which could be redirected towards renewable energy financing initiatives to help fight climate change effects.
- **The UK's Royal Mint** unveiled a new commemorative **50 pence coin** inspired by the late legendary British physicist **Stephen Hawking's** seminal work on black holes.

- Hawking, one of the world's best-known theoretical physicists who passed away aged 76 last year, joins the ranks of other eminent scientists such as Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin to have a commemorative coin in honour of one of his greatest discoveries that black holes should not be all black.

## ECONOMY

- **The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)**, one of country's leading think-tanks, will set up an industrial incubation facility of **TERI-Deakin Nanobiotechnology Research Centre, in Odisha**. The facility will support development of biotechnology solutions to address issues affecting agriculture, environment and energy.
  - **The TERI-Deakin Nanobiotechnology Research Centre (TDNBC)** offers to participate and to support the state government's vision to promote and to assist further in implementing innovation and translational research.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **A man-portable anti-tank guided missile (MPATGM)** was successfully test-fired **in Rajasthan** desert. The missile has been developed by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**. The indigenously developed, low-weight missile operates on a "fire and forget" principle, which means it does not require guidance after the launch.
  - **MPATGM** is incorporated with advanced features, including state-of-the-art imaging infrared radar-seeker with integrated avionics.

## AWARDS

- Renowned **Kathak dancer Seema Mehta has been conferred the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' award** for her contribution towards women empowerment over the last 15 years. She received the award from President **Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi** as part of the Women's Day celebrations.
  - Mehta, who began her journey in Kathak set up her dance school in Mumbai in 2010.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- Every year **15th March** is being observed as **World Consumer Rights Day**, as a means of raising global awareness about consumer rights and needs.
  - The theme for World Consumers day 2019 is **“Trusted Smart Products”**.

  
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