



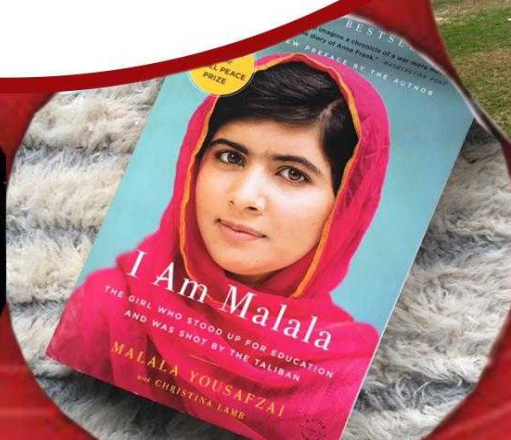
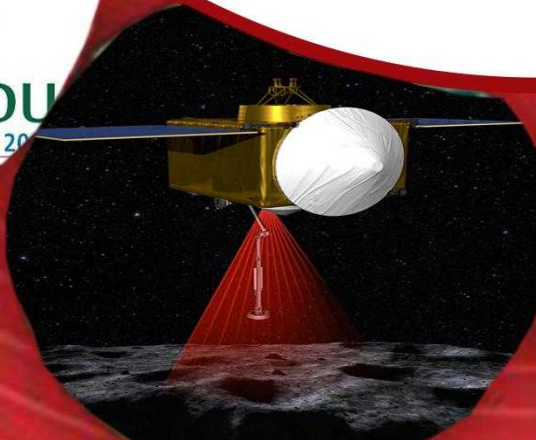
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National News

- In a bid to curb fake news during the general elections, **WhatsApp and NASSCOM Foundation** came together to impart **digital literacy training**. As part of the partnership, WhatsApp and NASSCOM Foundation will train nearly 1,00,000 Indians to spot false information and provide tips and tricks to stay safe on WhatsApp.
 - The training will be imparted by volunteers from **NASSCOM Foundation** who will launch the **“each one teach three”** campaign. Aspiring volunteers can register at **www.mykartavya.nasscomfoundation.org**.
- The National Green Tribunal, NGT, has directed the Central Pollution Control Board, CPCB, to prepare a noise pollution map across the country. The NGT also directed to propose a remedial action plan to solve the issue within three months.
 - A bench headed by National Green Tribunal Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel directed the CPCB to identify noise pollution hotspots and categorise cities with specified hotspots.
- Retired Supreme Court judge Pinaki Chandra Ghose is likely to become India's first Lokpal or anti-corruption watchdog. His name was finalised and recommended in a Selection Committee meeting comprising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi, Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan, and Mukul Rohatgi.
 - Lokpal is a three-member, anti-corruption watchdog comprising a chairman, a judicial and non-judicial member.

International News

- Highlighting the close maritime proximity between **India and Indonesia**, Indian Coast Guard Ship **‘Vijit’ became the first-ever Coast Guard ship to visit Sabang, Indonesia**. This visit of the coast guard ship follows from the first-ever visit of Naval Ship INS Sumitra to Sabang in July 2018.
 - Vijit’s visit also highlights strengthening cooperation in the area of maritime security and safety between New Delhi and Jakarta.

Economy News

- **ICICI Lombard and Mobikwik** announced a strategic partnership to provide **cyber-insurance cover**. The relationship aims to provide protection against unauthorised and fraudulent transactions online, across bank accounts, debit & credit cards and mobile wallets.
 - MobiKwik users can avail the commercial cyber-insurance policy underwritten by ICICI Lombard and enjoy the benefit of stress-free and secured transactions. It can be availed at **Rs 99** per month and with a sum insured of **Rs 50,000**.

Sports

- **Reliance Industries** chairman and Asia's richest man **Mukesh Ambani** recently **topped Forbes' The World's Richest Sports Team Owners 2019 list**. With a total net worth of about \$50 billion, Ambani topped the list. He bought the IPL team **Mumbai Indians** for over \$100 million in 2008 through a RIL subsidiary.

Appointments

- Former Supreme Court judge, **Pinaki Chandra Ghose, is all set to become the first Lokpal of India**. The PM **Narendra Modi**-led selection committee chose Ghose's name from a panel of names recommended by an eight-member search committee.
 - Ghosh will preside over the Lokpal as chairman and will be assisted by a panel of four judicial and four non-judicial members.

Important Days

- **The Global Recycling Foundation** has announced the second annual **Global Recycling Day** will feature a “**Recycling into the Future**” theme. The second annual event takes place **March 18**. The Global Recycling Foundation was formed in October 2018 by **the Bureau of International Recycling (BIR), Brussels**, in an effort to support the promotion of recycling, and the recycling industry, across the world in order to showcase its vital role in preserving the future of the planet.
 - This year’s event will focus on the importance and power of youth, innovation and education in ensuring a brighter future for the world.


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