



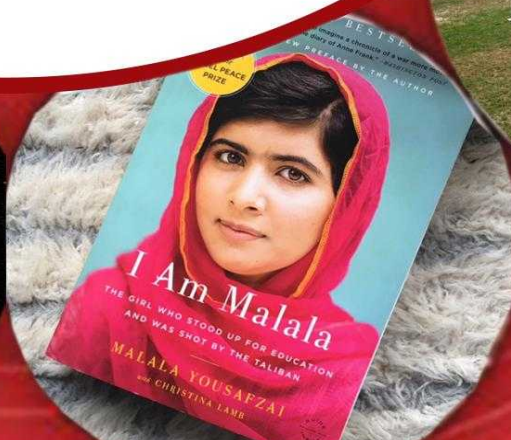
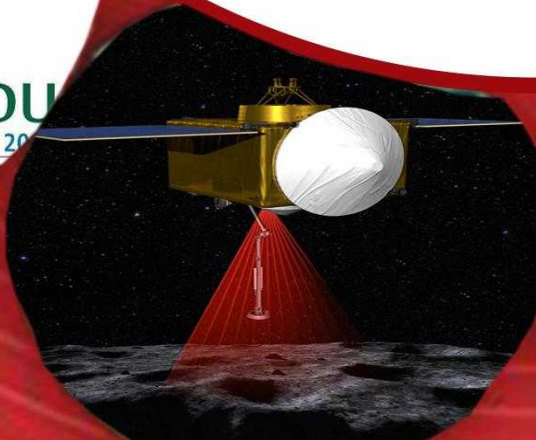
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## NATIONAL NEWS

- Indian Railways **Integral Coach Factory (ICF)** has surpassed the top Chinese manufacturers after creating a 40% record increase in its production. With this, Indian Railway's oldest and premier coach manufacturing unit becomes the single largest rail coach manufacturer in the world.
  - ICF has manufactured **2,919 coaches from April 2018 to February 2019** as compared to 2,600 coaches by Chinese manufacturers.
- **SBI** has signed a memorandum of understanding (**MoU**) with **Bank of China**, third-largest bank in the world by capital size and one of the major players in the Chinese banking sector, to enhance business synergies between both the banks. This MoU will facilitate the clients of both the banks to access banking products and services of each other, which will lead to a mutually beneficial relationship.
- Exercise 'Mitra Shakti' between India and Sri Lanka will be conducted from March 26 to April 8 for the year 2018-19, in Sri Lanka. It is conducted annually as part of military diplomacy and interaction between armies of two nations.
  - Troops from 1st Battalion the Bihar Regiment of the Indian Army and Gemunu Watch Battalion of Sri Lankan Army would be jointly undertaking the exercise.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The Government of Indonesia has hosted the first ever **High-Level Dialogue on Indo-Pacific Cooperation (HLD-IPC)** in its capital city Jakarta. The **theme** of the HLD was **“Towards a Peaceful, Prosperous, and Inclusive Region”**. It was **inaugurated** by Indonesia's Vice President **Jusuf Kalla**.
  - The Dialogue saw the participation of representatives from India, Australia, US, Brunei Darussalam, Japan, South Korea, Russia, New Zealand and China apart from 10 member ASEAN countries.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Japanese** unmanned spacecraft, Hayabusa2 reached Asteroid Ryugu on June, 2018. Since then, the spacecraft landed multiple robotic probes on its rocky terrain of the Asteroid Ryugu.
  - The spacecraft had surveyed 69,000 locations covering almost 90 percent of Asteroid Ryugu by using a near-infrared spectrometer capable of detecting hydrated minerals.

## APPOINTMENTS

- On 20th March 2019, former India hockey captain Sardar Singh along with 13 Indian Olympic Association (**IOA**) members, have been named in various Standing Committees with of the Olympic Council of Asia (**OCA**) at its 38th General Assembly which held in Bangkok.

## SPORTS NEWS

- On 19th March 2019, The 2019 season of the T10 Cricket Match signed to be held **in the Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi** for the next five years. The **first match** in the T10 League will be held on 23rd October 2019.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day of Forests 2019** was observed on **21st of March 2019** all over the world.
  - Theme for International Day of Forests: **“Forests and Education – Learn to Love Forests”**.
- **World Poetry Day** observed on **21st March 2019** to encourage the reading, writing, and teaching of poetry throughout the world.
  - In the year **1999 during its 30th General Conference in Paris**, The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) adopted this day to support linguistic diversity and to safeguard endangered languages.