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#### **National News**

- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi have developed an Artificial Intelligence-based electronic hardware system to detect malaria, tuberculosis, an intestinal parasite, and cervical cancer in milliseconds.
  - The researchers said that their system can be used for healthcare access in resource-constrained areas with limited access to human specialists.
- The Indian Council of Medical Research and the African Union (AU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which formalised the India-Africa Health Sciences Collaborative Platform (IAHSP) by establishing a framework.
  - It will pave the way for cooperation in R&D, capacity building, health services, pharmaceutical trade, and manufacturing capabilities.
- Tashigang, a Himachal Pradesh village at an altitude of 15,256 feet, is now the highest polling station in the world.
  - Situated about 29 km from the India-China border, the polling station covers two villages, Tashigang and Gete, that have 48 voters, of which 30 are men. Earlier, a polling station at 15,000 feet was the highest in India.

#### **International News**

- India and the US signed an agreement for the exchange of country-by-country (CBC) report, which was signed by PC Mody, Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), and Kenneth I Juster, US Ambassador to India.
  - The move will give huge relief to subsidiaries of US-headquartered companies in the taxation-related matter.
- On 28th March 2019, Skytrax World Airport Awards named Singapore's
  Changi Airport as the world's best aviation hub for the seventh time in a
  row, while Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, New Delhi climbed 8
  places to rank at 59th Position.

#### **Economy**

- Public sector lender Bank of Baroda has signed an MoU with agriculture services companies to develop an agriculture digital platform, Baroda Kisan, which will provide solutions for agricultural requirements.
  - BoB has signed the agreement with Skymet Weather Services, Weather Risk Management Services, BigHaat, Agrostar India, EM3 Agri Services, and Poorti Agri Services.

#### **Sports**

- The Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has recommended adding breakdancing, skateboarding, sport climbing and surfing to the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.
  - All four sports will be assessed in terms of how they are managed, judged, before being finalized for Paris.

# Appointments de

- Veselin Matic, who took Iran to an Asian Games bronze medal in 2010, is set to be appointed as the new head coach of the Indian men's basketball team.
  - A veteran international coach, Matic helped Iran qualify for its first ever World Championship (2010) with victory in the 2009 FIBA Asia Championship.

#### **Awards**

- Regarded as "Godfathers of AI", Yoshua Bengio, Geoffrey Hinton, and Yann LeCun, have been recognized with Nobel Prize of computing, Turing Award 2018.
  - The \$1 million annual prize recognized their work for developing the AI (Artificial intelligence) subfield of deep learning. The troika has developed a base for the recent growth of AI technologies, through their work in the 1990s and 2000.
- On 27th March 2019, **Nobel Prize**-winning economist **Amartya Sen** has been

honoured with the **prestigious Bodley Medal**, the highest honour bestowed by the University of Oxford's world-famous Bodleian Libraries for his contribution in literature, culture, science and communication.

o In 1998, He was awarded the prestigious **Nobel Prize** in **Economic Sciences** for his work in welfare economics and social choice th

