



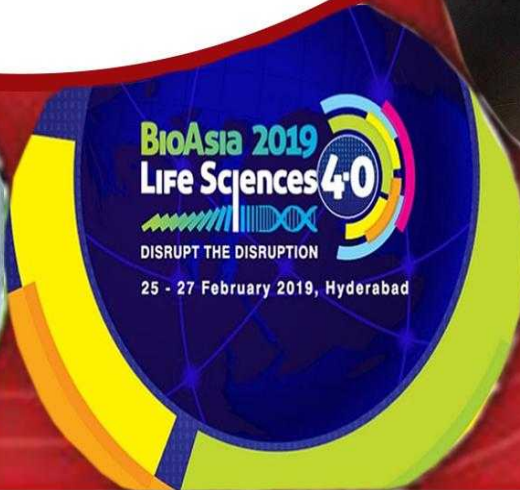
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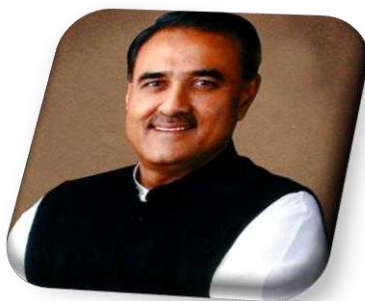
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NATIONAL NEWS

- The Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal**, to determine the sufficient cause to ban **Jamaat-e-Islami, and Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF)** faction. It will be headed by **Justice Chander Shekhar** of the Delhi High Court.
 - The tribunal has been formed by Government after exercising its powers conferred by the **sub-section (1) of section 5** of the **Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967**.
- For the **second** successive year, **Telangana has been ranked first in e-learning training programme of Department of Personal and Training (DoPT) of the Government India**.
 - During the financial year 2018-19, **Dr MCR HRD Institute** enrolled over 20,000 field staff in different districts of the State to impart training on 12 soft skill modules and three domain-specific modules on RTI
- **The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, which runs the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** network, has slashed usage fees for small transactions to expand the system's adoption among banks and payment service providers (PSPs).
 - For UPI transactions **up to Rs. 1,000**, the charge has been cut to **10 paise** from 25 paise. The charge for transactions **above Rs. 1,000** has been retained at **50 paise**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- On 2nd April, 2019, **Japanese** printers have issued the name for its new imperial era which will be set in motion on 1st May 2019 as the public tried to make sense of the meaning of **"Reiwa"** a day after its unveiling gripped the nation.
 - The name **'Reiwa'** which consists two Chinese characters, the first meaning 'good' or 'beautiful' as well as 'order' or 'command' and the second meaning 'peace' or 'harmony'.

ECONOMY

- Total Gross GST revenue collected in the month of March, 2019 has crossed the Rupees One Lakh Crore mark as it has recorded the collection of **Rs.1,06,577 crore** of which **CGST is Rs. 20,353 crore, SGST is Rs.27,520 crore, IGST is Rs.50,418 crore** (including Rs. 23,521crore collected on imports) and **Cess is Rs. 8,286 crore** (including Rs. 891crore collected on imports).
 - Since the launch GST, the collection during March, 2019 has been the highest.

SPORTS

- Five times world champion **Lewis Hamilton** took a lucky **Bahrain Grand Prix win for Mercedes** after engine trouble in the dying stages denied Ferrari's Charles Leclerc a first Formula One victory.
 - Hamilton's win was the 74th of his career but first this season. He is now 17 wins short of Michael Schumacher's all-time record of 91.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Rajan Anandan**, Google's Vice President for South East Asia and India, has quit the company and **joined Sequoia Capital India as a Managing Director**.
 - Anandan will continue at Google till the end of April and Vikas Agnihotri, Country Director, Sales will take on the responsibility in the interim for Google India.

AWARDS

- Kandhamal Haldi (turmeric), Odisha's locally grown turmeric in its **Kandhamal district** has received the Geographical Indications (GI) tag from Intellectual Property India. It is organically grown by tribals.
 - In 2018, Kandhamal Apex Spices Association for Marketing (KASAM) in

Phulbani, had applied for registration of the Kandhamal turmeric.

BOOKS

- The Indian Publishing company, Garuda Prakashan Private Limited, launched its two books “#Modi Again” and “Saffron Swords – Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders”.
 - **“#Modi Again: Why Modi is right for India, An Ex-Communist’s Manifesto”** authored by **Aabhas Maldahiyar**, states the reasons about how Narendra Modi is right for India.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Autism Awareness Day** is an internationally recognized day on **2 April** every year, encouraging Member States of the **United Nations** to take measures to raise awareness about people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) throughout the world.
 - The **theme** of this year is: **“Assistive Technologies, Active Participation.”**