



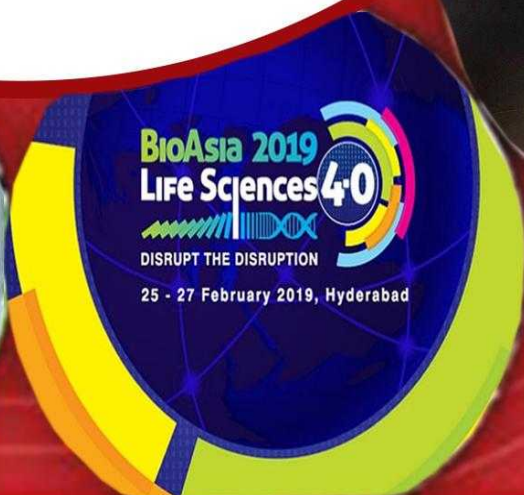
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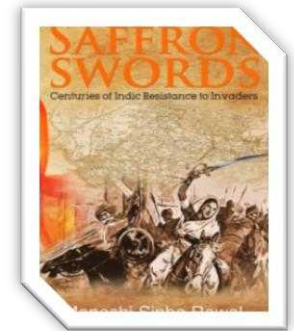
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **WhatsApp launched an India-focused fact-checking feature to combat fake news and rumours** starting with the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections. The messaging platform said that its Indian users, numbering more than 200 million, can now report uncertain information or rumours they have received to a WhatsApp number (+91-9643-000-888) and check its authenticity.
 - The response will indicate if information is classified as ‘true’, ‘false’, ‘misleading’, ‘disputed’ or ‘out of scope’, and include any other related information.
- President Shri Ram Nath Kovind, reached Santiago, Chile in the evening of 30th March, 2019. This was the final leg of his visit to three nations – Croatia, Bolivia and Chile.
 - Ram Nath Kovind addressed India-Chile Business Forum.
- The Reserve Bank of India has set the limits for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) to **Rs. 75000 crore** for the first half of the financial year 2019-20.
 - As and when the government of India **utilises 75% of the WMA limit**, the central bank would activate fresh floatation of market loans.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Chicago** has created history by electing an **African-American woman** as its mayor for the first time. **Lori Lightfoot**, a 56-year-old former federal prosecutor and practicing lawyer who has never before held elected office, won the city’s mayoral race by a huge margin. She will also be Chicago’s first openly gay mayor.
 - Lightfoot will take over office from Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who previously served as chief of staff under former President Barack Obama.
- **Nepal** is set to organise the **Nepal-India Franchise Investment Summit**, starting from May 15. The two days **Franchise Investment Summit will be held in Kathmandu** in association with the **Embassy of India and Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry**.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- The Center for Cell and Molecular Biology (CCMB) scientists have discovered a new enzyme called **“Murein EndopeptidaseK”** which helps to cut bacterial cell walls, so it is possible for a new drug treatment that prevents bacterial resistance by existing antibiotics.
 - Scientists from all around the world are trying to understand these events .They are studying about Dr. Reddy’s lab how Coli bacterial cells act to separate cholera, lepsy, tuberculosis, and many other diseases.

ECONOMY

- **The RBI** cut key short-term lending (**repo**) **rate by 25 bps to 6 percent** at its **First bi-monthly monetary policy review** of the ongoing fiscal. The MPC decided to keep the monetary policy stance unchanged at neutral.
 - Consequently, the **reverse repo rate** under the **LAF** stands adjusted to **5.75** percent, and the marginal standing facility (**MSF**) **rate and the Bank Rate to 6.25 percent.**

APPOINTMENTS

- Vipin Anand has assumed the charge of Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). In March 2019, he was appointed by Centre as the LIC MD.

AWARDS

- In the tenure of more than 35 years, he served as the head of LIC’s western zone, comprising of 23 divisions. On the 3rd of April, 2019, UAE honored PM Narendra Modi with its highest civilian award, the **Zayed Medal** for boosting the bilateral ties between both of the nations.
 - United Arab Emirates’s highest civilian decoration, the Order of Zayed, awarded to those who contribute to international leadership in

strengthening relations with the country.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- United Nations' **International Mine Awareness Day** is observed on **4th April** every year to raise awareness about landmines and the actions that need to be taken towards their eradication.
 - The **Theme** for International Mine Awareness Day 2019 is "**United nations promotes SDGs –Safe Ground –Safe Home**". (SDG –Sustainable Development Goals)


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