



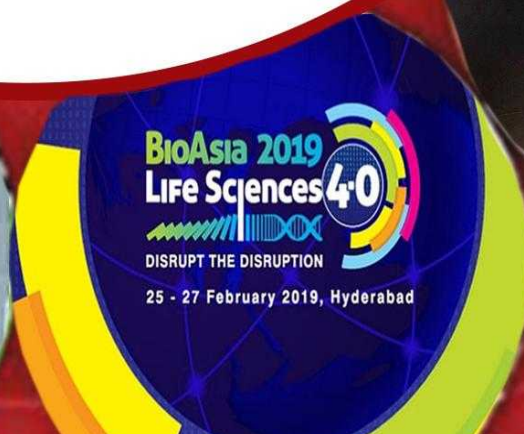
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NATIONAL NEWS

- According to the **United Nations Population Fund**, India's population grew to 1.36 billion at an average annual rate of **1.2% between 2010 and 2019** which stands more than double the annual growth rate of China.
 - The **UN sexual and reproductive health agency in the State of World Population Report** stated that India's population of **1.36 billion in 2019 has picked growing from 942.2 million in 1994 and 541.5 million in 1969.**
- On 11th April 2019, India and Sweden inked a pact that will deal a range of challenges around smart cities and clean technologies among others. The programme co-sponsored by **Indian Department of Science and Technologies (DST)** and Swedish agency **Vinnova**.
 - Vinnova donate to Swedish participants upto 2,500,000 Swedish Krona (around Rs. 1.87 crore). From Indian side, provide upto 50% per project to the Indian partners.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- National Mission for Clean Ganga or **Namami Gange** which is India's flagship programme, was approved, with the '**Public Water Agency of the Year**' award at the Global Water Summit held in **London** on 9th April, 2019.
 - National Mission for Clean Ganga was awarded this for its initiatives in the water sector which brings remarkable improvements in the lives of people.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Google has launched a new open platform named '**Anthos**' to run and manage apps from anywhere. It lets users run applications on the public cloud or on existing on-premise hardware investments.
 - It helps the users to manage workloads running on third-party clouds like **Microsoft Azure** and **Amazon AWS**.

ECONOMY

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- The Cabinet Committee of Security has cleared the procurement of **464 Russian tanks under T-90 project in a deal worth over Rs 13,500 crore.**
 - The tanks would be given to the Armoured Corps of the force which will be furthered used by them for deployment along the India-Pakistan border.

SPORTS

- On 10th April, 2019, **All India Tennis Association** has collaborated with **STF (Serbian Tennis Federation)** to train **Indian junior players** under world renowned **Serbian coaches, at the RK Khanna Stadium.**
 - This pact will aim to cooperate within the sphere of competence to work towards the development of junior tennis players in India.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Justice Vikram Nath**, the senior most judge of Allahabad High Court, was appointed as the **first Chief Justice** of the newly-constituted **Andhra Pradesh High Court.**
 - The new Andhra Pradesh High court was established on January 1 this year following the division of a combined high court of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

AWARDS

- **Digital Sukoon founder, Sudhanshu Kumar** was honoured with the **Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Award by International Human Rights Council** at Hotel Sea Princess Juhu Mumbai.
 - Among the awardee, **Digital Sukoon** was **the Best Digital Agency of the Year 2019** to receive the award.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Every year 11th April is observed as Safe Motherhood Day.**
 - On April 11, 2019, the Indian Government along with The White Ribbon Alliance (WRAI) (UNICEF is an active member of WRAI) conducted a **national stakeholders' meeting, in Delhi**, to discuss on the **pressing issues relating to women's health.**