



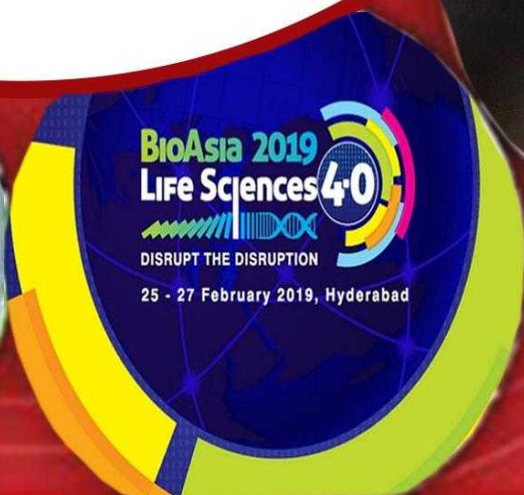
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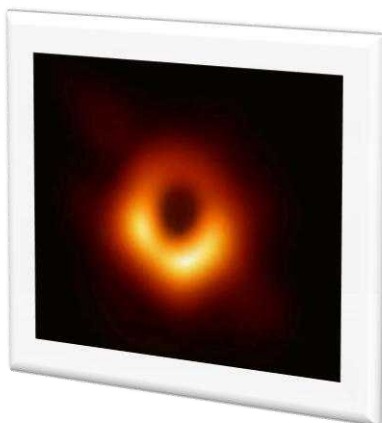
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NATIONAL NEWS

- On 15th April 2019, The 4th Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific Congress 2019 organised by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and co-hosted by South Delhi Municipal Corporation started in New Delhi. It will conclude on 17th April 2019.
 - It offers a lot of innovative solutions that build resilience to climate change at the sub-national level.
- **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs**, has approved a proposal to extend the duration of **New Urea Policy-2015, from April 1** till further orders. The extension will not apply to the provisions which were amended by a notification dated March 28, 2018.
 - This approval will help in continuing usual operations and regular supply of urea to the farmers.
- On 11th April 2019, India's first exotic Bird Park '**EsselWorld Bird Park**' was launched by EsselWorld Leisure Pvt. Ltd., the family entertainment arm of the \$6-billion Essel Group in **Mumbai**.
 - The Park is spread over 1.4 acres of land and surrounded by flora and fauna.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- On 13th April 2019, the last known female Yangtze giant softshell turtle, 90 years old died in China. Now, there are only three left in the world. The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) declares the Yangtze giant softshell turtle the world's most critically endangered turtle species.
 - The research team is going to attempt artificial insemination and experts conducted an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- **Nirbhay', long range sub sonic cruise missile** indigenously designed and developed by Bengaluru – based Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), a lab under Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The missile test fired from launch complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha.

- The missile is nuclear capable, can be equipped with 300kg warhead.

ECONOMY

- **Bharti Airtel in collaboration with FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) launched a mobile app, My Circle**, to help women in case they face any problem or a panic situation. The application is carrier agnostic which would work on phones with any telecom service network, both Airtel and non-Airtel.
 - My Circle app enables women to send SOS alerts to any five of their family or friends in **13** languages including English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Marathi, Punjabi, Bangla, Urdu, Assamese, Oriya, and Gujarat.

SPORTS

- Formula One driver **Lewis Hamilton** secured a record-extending sixth **Chinese Grand Prix (GP) victory**, snatching the world championship lead from his Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas.
 - Five-time world champion Hamilton, of the United Kingdom, clinched his 75th career victory and second of the season in the 1,000th Formula One race after overtaking pole-sitter Bottas of Finland

AWARDS

- Reuters journalists, **Kyaw Soe Oo** and **Wa Lone** have been selected for **UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize 2019** are being conferred as praise to their commitment, courage and resistance to freedom of expression.

BOOKS

- **'Ashakiranam,'** an autobiography of noted social worker **Sankurathri Chandrasekhar**, was released at a function held in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh. Religious scholar Chaganti Koteswara Rao released the book while writer and literary critic Vadrevu Veeralakshmi Devi reviewed the work.
 - Penned by **Dr. Chandrasekhar** in English with title **'A Ray of Hope' the autobiography was translated into Telugu by Godavarthi Satyamurthy.**