



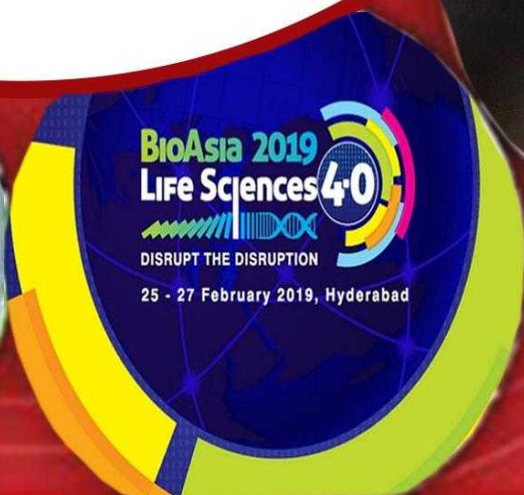
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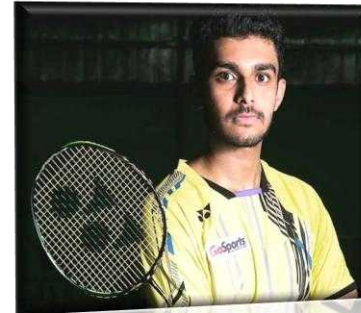
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **India** is joining hands **with Japan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** to implement **2 projects in Africa** as it seeks to extend its footprint on the continent where strategic rival China has made deep inroads.
 - While **India will build a cancer hospital in Kenya in collaboration with Japan**, it will partner with the UAE to set up an **information and communications technology (ICT) centre in Ethiopia**
- **Assam's** most awaited festival the **Rongali Bihu**, also known as **'Bohaag Bihu'** which marks the beginning of the new Assamese calendar year started. Assam celebrates major agricultural events as the festival of Bihu.
 - This festival is observed at almost the same time as **Baisakhi in Punjab, Poila Baisakh in Bengal, Puthandu in Tamil Nadu and Vishu in Kerala**.
- **The 8th edition of Home Expo India 2019 began at India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida**. It covers sectors with maximum thrust and growth potential in home decor, furnishing, furniture, flooring and textiles. About 500 companies in permanent marts will be exhibiting their collection under these categories.
 - The three-day exhibition has been organized by the **Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **UAE** is set to host the world's foremost **Artificial Intelligence, AI Summit** to empower global dialogue on the future of government, business and society. The inaugural 'AI Everything', AIE will take place **at the Dubai World Trade Centre**, between 30 April and 1 May.
 - The two-day event will bring together world leaders to define the underlying pillars of governance, business and society – augmenting the world's happiness.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- **The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)** has discovered an Earth-sized planet, **HD 21749b** and a **"sub-Neptune"** world, revolving around the star, **HD 21749**. The star lies **53** light-years from Earth.

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- The research study has been published on 15th April, 2019 in ‘The Astrophysical Journal Letters’.

ECONOMY

- United Nation Secretary General (UNSG) **Antonio Guterres** voiced concern that the UN owes India USD 38 million, the highest amount which has to be paid by any country for peacekeeping operations as of March 2019.
 - This dues to troops and police-contributing countries could increase to USD 588 million by June 2019 in the worst case scenario.

SPORTS

- On 16th April 2019, International cricket council (ICC) cricket for good in partnership with UNICEF, launched **#OneDay4Children**, a tournament-wide campaign to help construct a better world for all child, at the World Cup
 - England all-rounder Chris Woakes and #OneDay4Children ambassador Nasser Hussain and launched the campaign.

APPOINTMENTS

- PwC India announced the appointment of Padmaja Alaganandan as the firm’s new Chief People Officer (CPO). She takes over the role from **Jagjit Singh**.
 - Padmaja has been associated with PwC for the last eight years. Earlier, she was the Technology sector lead for PwC’s Advisory Line of Service.
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has appointed **Rajesh Kumar Yaduvanshi** as the Executive Director of the bank.
 - Rajesh Kumar Yaduvanshi had joined PNB as a management trainee in 1985.

AWARDS

- On 12th April 2019, Fincare **Small Finance Bank (SFB)** has been honoured with the prestigious **Celent Model Bank 2019 Award** in Financial Inclusion category, for ‘Redesigning Lending to Reach Small Businesses’.
 - The Award was announced on its **12th anniversary** in 2019 and was organized by Celent in New York.