



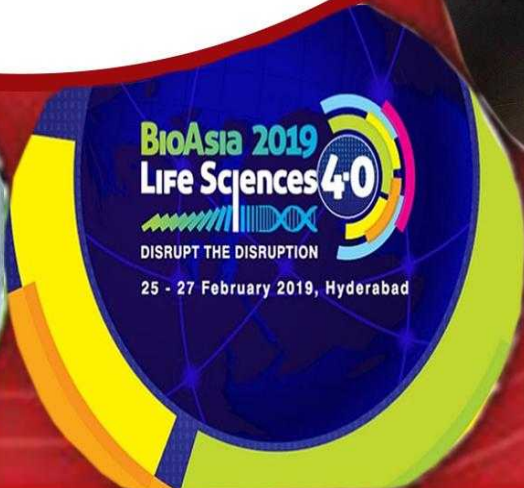
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **The Indian Navy held the 2nd edition of the bilateral maritime** exercise between the Indian Navy and Vietnam Peoples' Navy, (IN – VPN BILAT EX) at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam during 13th to 16th April, 2019.
 - The exercise was undertaken as a part of the ongoing Overseas Deployment of Eastern Fleet ships to South East Asian countries.
- **On 16th April, 2019, the debrief of the Indian Navy** exercise termed as '**Sea Vigil**' (held from January 22 to 23) was conducted. The meeting was chaired by Vice Admiral **MS Pawar**, AVSM, VSM, the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff (DCNS).
 - It was conducted at the Naval headquarters, **New Delhi** by National Committee for Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security (**NCSMCS**).

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- **On 15th April 2019, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** has chosen a team led by an Indian American student, **Keshav Raghvan** to have its CubeSat which is a mini research satellite to be sent to space to detect cosmic rays.
 - **21 year old Keshav Raghavan**, led the researchers from the Yale Undergraduate Aerospace Association (YUAA) which is among the **16 teams** across the country whose Cube Sats will be flown into space on missions planned to launch in **2020, 2021 and 2022**.

ECONOMY

- **ETMONEY India's largest app for financial services has integrated with UPI as a payment method.** The reason for this is to double its monthly user base by the end of 2019. This integration will simplify the mutual fund payment for millions of ETMONEY users.
 - Now ETMONEY users can make payment easily by using UPI option on the payment page. They can select different UPI-enabled apps like Google Pay, BHIM UPI, PhonePe among others.

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- **Ethiopian athletes Gelete Burka in women's** race and **Abrha Milaw** in men's race have won the 43rd edition of the Paris Marathon by leading a record of 60,000 participants through the French capital, Paris on 14th April, 2019.

APPOINTMENTS

- **The US Department of Interior inducted its very first Indian, Delhi-based Sanjay Kumar**, CEO of Geospatial Media and Communications and Secretary General of World Geospatial Industry Council (**WGIC**), to its prestigious National Geospatial Advisory Committee (**NGAC**).

AWARDS

- NASA has awarded three teams of Indian students in its **25th Annual Human Exploration Rover challenge 2019** at the US Space and Rocket Centre in Huntsville, Alabama.
 - The program invites college students and high school students to develop and test roving vehicles for future missions to the Mars, Moon and beyond.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **17th April, 2019 has marked the 30th World Hemophilia Day**. World Haemophilia Day was started in 1989 by the **World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH)** which chose to bring the community together on April 17 in honour of WFH founder Frank Schnabel's birthday.
 - The **theme** of this year's World Hemophilia Day is '**Outreach and Identification**'.