



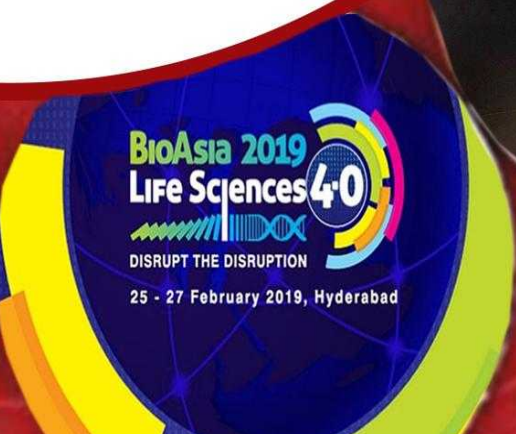
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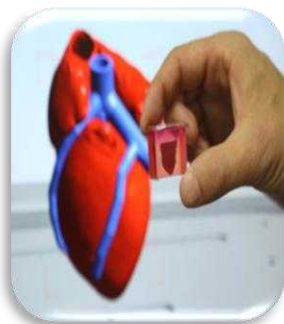
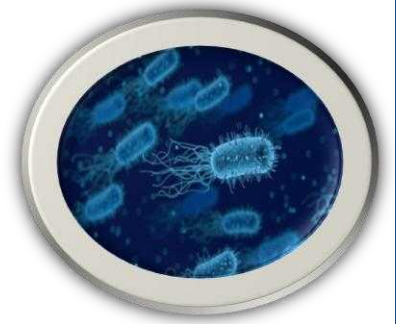
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NATIONAL NEWS

- Recently, Rs. 4315.15 crores budget has been approved by Union Cabinet headed by PM Narendra Modi, to create over **2 lakhs additional seats in 158 central education institutions**. The additional seats were created over next two years to implement 10 per cent Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) reservation.
- On April 18, 2019, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued an order to suspend the LOC trade between Jammu & Kashmir and Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir (POJK). The reason for the suspension is due to an increase in terror funding, drug trade and fake currencies among other illegal activities by misusing trade routes.
 - The trade between J&K and POJK is allowed through two Trade Facilitation centers. First, one located at **Salamabad, Uri, district Baramulla** and the second one located at **Chakkan-da-Bagh, district Poonch**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **WHO Has Released New Guidelines On 10 Ways To Use Digital Health Technology To Boost People's Health**. The guidelines were based on a **2-year-long** research study by WHO on digital technologies which was inclusive of consultations with global experts.
 - The guidelines state ways for employing digital tools for birth notifications, deploying health worker decision support tools and using telemedicine

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- On 17th April 2019, the Research team led by **Kiran Ambatipudi** from the Biotechnology Department at the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee has identified a new method to detect breast and ovarian cancer. The research published in the journal, '**FASEB Bioadvances**'.

APPOINTMENTS

- Deputy chief of mission in the embassy of India in Riyadh, Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon. He

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hails from Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

- He completed MBBS from Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical college, Indore.

AWARDS

- On 18th April 2019, Padma Bhushan awardee **Yusuf Hamied** (82) who is the chairman of **Cipla** pharmaceutical company was honoured in the 2019 list of new fellows of the **UK's Royal Society**.
 - It is an independent scientific academy of the UK and the Commonwealth, for promoting excellence in science.

BOOKS

- On 19th April 2019, a book containing English translation of the 100 year old classic Punjabi poem about Jallianwala Bagh massacre, '**Khooni Vaisakhi**' has been released in **Abu Dhabi** and was commended by India's Ambassador to the UAE Navdeep Singh Suri.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Liver day observed on 19th April**
 - April 19 is observed as World Liver Day. This day is meant to raise awareness about liver and following a lifestyle which supports liver health. This day is observed to understand importance of liver in human body and how liver ailments can be treated.