



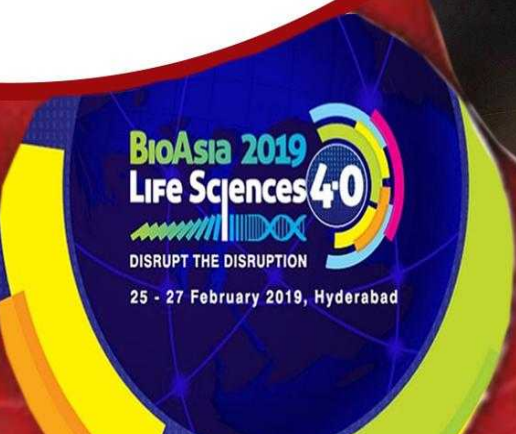
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NATIONAL NEWS

- On 20th April 2019, **India** ranked **17th** position among 100 countries in the global startup ecosystem in 2018, from the 37th spot last year in the Startup Ecosystem Ranking for 2019 as per the data released by **StartupBlink**.
 - The **United States, United Kingdom, and Canada** are the **top three** countries ranked the first, second and third respectively in terms of global rankings.
- **The Indian Navy ships Kolkata and Shakti** arrived at **Qingdao in China** to participate in the **International Fleet Review (IFR)** as a part of the **70th** anniversary celebrations of **People Liberation's Army (PLA-Navy)**.
 - IFR is a parade of naval ships, aircraft and submarines that is organised by nations to promote goodwill, strengthen cooperation and showcase their organisational capabilities.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- site containing the **220-million-year-old fossilised remains of nearly a dozen dinosaurs** has been discovered in **western Argentina**. According to **Martinez, of the University of San Juan**, the fossils are approximately 220 million years old, belonging to “an era of which we know little”.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- US researchers have used **HIV** (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) to develop gene therapy that cured **8 infants** who were treated at St. Jude and at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, San Francisco of a rare combined immunodeficiency disease termed as “bubble boy” disorder.
 - Results of the research were developed at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee hospital and were published in the **New England Journal of Medicine**.

ECONOMY NEWS

- According to Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) report, business sentiments on country's financial and macroeconomic conditions continue to decline in the second quarter

of 2019 as compared to second quarter in 2019.

- D&B **Composite Business Optimism Index** conclude 78.4 score during Q2 2019 as compare to 85.0 during Q2 2018, a decline of 7.7%.

APPOINTMENTS

- Head Coach of the India National Cricket Team, former India Cricketer and TV commentator, Ravi Shastri also known as “Champion of Champions” was appointed as **Exclusive Corporate Ambassador** to the Indian Business Community of Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (**RAKEZ**)

AWARDS

- Prof. **Sree N Sreenath**, President of Sewa International since 2009, has been inducted into the **10th class of Cleveland Hall of Fame** along with five other inductees Paul Burick, Ingrida Bublys, Dr. Akram Boutros, Richard Fleischman and Marilyn Madigan from over 100 nominations.

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