



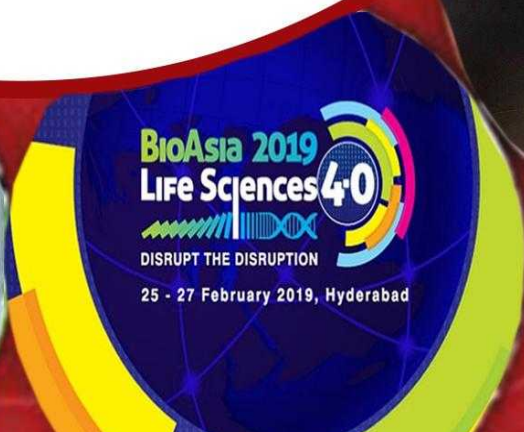
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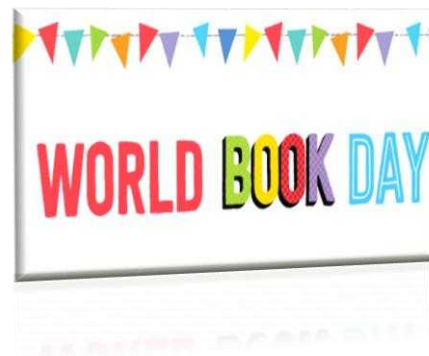
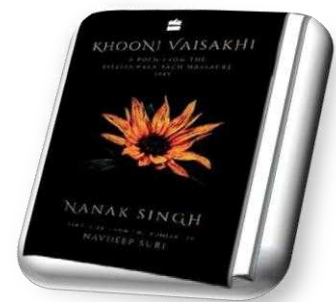
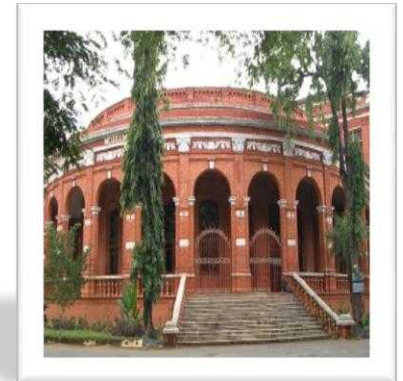
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NATIONAL NEWS

- On 23rd April 2019, the **first edition** of Naval Commanders' Conference held in **Delhi** and will continue till **25th April** 2019. The Hon'ble Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addressed Naval Commanders Conference on the opening day.
 - The themes of 'Functional Reorganization of Indian Navy towards enhancing Operational Efficiency' and 'Optimal Manning' were the core of discussions in this conference.
- The Centre has revamped its high-level 'anti-hijack panel' to include top officials in the Prime Minister's Office, especially National Security Advisor, **Ajit Doval** who will be able to coordinate any immediate military response.
 - The new panel is called the Committee of Secretaries on Aircraft Hijack (**COSAH**). It will have 15 top officials including pre-identified nominated members who can represent regular members during their absence.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Volodymyr Zelenskiy** has won a major victory over incumbent Petro Poroshenko. The comedian plays the role of president in a fictional television sitcom. Comedian Volodymyr Zelenskiy won Ukraine's presidential election by a substantial margin.
 - Zelenskiy's victory puts the anti-establishment figure at the forefront of the West's standoff with Russia, after its annexation of Crimea and its support for insurgency in eastern Ukraine.
- **Iran and Pakistan to set up a joint Border Reaction Force**
 - Iran and Pakistan have agreed to set up a joint border reaction force following to counter the increasing number of deadly attacks by militant groups on their frontier.
- **Asian Tea Alliance**
 - Asian Tea Alliance, a union of five tea-growing and consuming countries was launched in Guizhou in china. The members of the alliance are the Indian Tea Association, china Tea Marketing Association, Indonesian Tea

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- **NASA (The National Aeronautics and Space Administration)** has revealed that Mercury, the smallest planet in the solar system has a massive solid inner core.
 - The final trip around Mercury before crash-landing in 2015 was made by NASA's '**MESSENGER**'. The spacecraft orbited Mercury for around 2011 to 2015 and it was its second mission to Mercury.

ECONOMY

- Stanford study shows how earth's temperature changes have increased inequalities which resulted in the shrinking of the Indian economy by 31 percent due to global warming. The study published in the journal titled '**Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences**'.
 - The study also shows that from 1961 to 2010, global warming has decreased the wealth per person of the world's poorest countries by 17-30 percent.
- **India Post partners TCS to modernize its services**
 - **India Post** has partnered with IT services firm **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** to become a multi-service digital hub, modernize the delivery of mail and packages, enhance customer experience and launch innovative services.
 - TCS has implemented its Point of Sale (PoS) solution across 24,000 post offices with over 80,000 PoS terminals, making this among the largest such implementations in the world.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Vikas Khanna**, Michelin-star chef has been named brand ambassador of Indo-American Arts Council (**IAAC**), a leading cultural organisation which will organise the annual New York Indian Film Festival (**NYIFF**) that would showcase the chef's film '**The Last Color**' and Nawazuddin Siddiqui-starrer 'Photograph'.

- **Twitter appoints Manish Maheshwari as India MD**
 - **Twitter India appointed Manish Maheshwari**, ex-CEO of Network18 Digital, as the Managing Director for its India operations. Maheshwari will be responsible for driving an integrated business strategy to accelerate Twitter's audience and revenue growth in the country.

AWARDS

- Three organizations All India Radio, Publication Division and Children's Film Society of India conferred Swacchta Pakhwada Award 2019. The award was given by Amit Khare, Secretary Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
 - The award was received by Director General of All India Radio F. Sheheryar and Director General (News) Ms. Ira Joshi on behalf of All India Radio.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- Every year **World Creativity and Innovation Day (WCID)** is officially celebrated on **April 21**. WCID is a part of the United Nations resolution entitled **"Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."**
 - It is celebrated to raise awareness of the role of creativity and innovation in "problem-solving and by extension, in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals."
- **World Book Day: 23 April**
 - **World Book Day** is celebrated every year on **23 April**. It is also known as World Book and Copyright Day, or International Day of the Book For the year 2019, **Sharjah**, UAE has been declared as the **World Book Capital**. It will be preceded by **Kuala Lumpur**, Malaysia in the year 2020.
 - This year World Book and Copyright Day event focuses on six broad themes: inclusivity, reading, heritage, outreach, publishing and children with a slogan "Read – you are in Sharjah".