



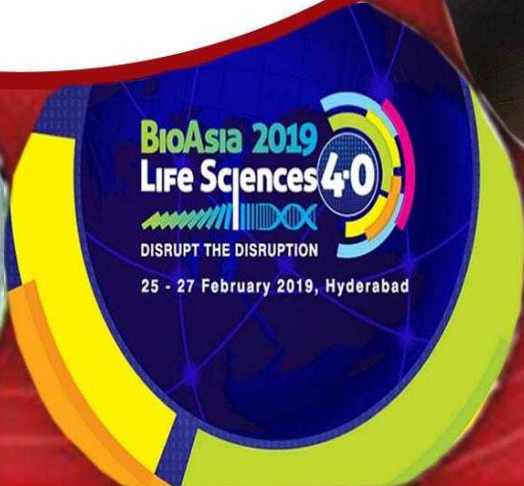
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NATIONAL NEWS

- An Android-based application named **“Sahulat”** was launched to facilitate and to encourage the elder voters for participating in the elections in Jammu and Kashmir’s Rajouri district.
 - District Election Officer of Rajouri, **Mohammad Aijaz Asad** launched the application for the voters who are **90 years old or above**. The app has been developed by the **district unit** of the **National Informatics Centre**.
- Imphal West district of Manipur namely **Phayeng Village** has become **India’s first carbon-positive settlement**.
 - A village is given carbon-positive tag if it sequesters more carbon than it emits, slowing accumulation of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and mitigating effects of climate change.
- President of All India Football Federation (AIFF) **Praful Patel**, has become the **first Indian to be elected as a member of FIFA Executive Council**.
 - Patel got 38 votes out of the total 46 votes, which only shows how highly he is regarded by the fellow Asian nations.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **South Korea launches the world’s first fully-fledged 5G mobile networks**. Hyper-wired South Korea has long had a reputation for technical prowess, and Seoul has made the 5G rollout a priority as it seeks to stimulate stuttering economic growth.
 - The system will bring smartphones near-instantaneous connectivity 20 times faster than the existing 4G allowing users to download entire movies in less than a second.

ECONOMY

- IT industry body **Nasscom** has appointed **WNS Global Services Group CEO Keshav Murugesh** as its **chairman** for 2019-20. He takes over from his previous role as vice-chairman of Nasscom by replacing Rishad Premji .
 - Nasscom has appointed **Infosys COO U.B. Pravin Rao** as its vice-chairman for 2019-20.

APPOINTMENTS

- The Indian IT industry's apex body **Nasscom** said WNS global services' Chief Executive **Keshav Murugesh will be its new Chairman for fiscal 2019-20**. Global software services' Infosys' Chief Operating Officer **U.B. Pravin Rao will be the new Vice Chairman** of Nasscom for FY20.
 - Murugesh succeeded Wipro board member and chief strategy officer Rishad Premji, who was the apex body's chairman for fiscal 2018-19.

AWARDS

- **The Indian subsidiary of ESPN** (Entertainment and Sports Programming Network), ESPN India (espn.in) declared the **ESPN India awards for 2018** in which PV Sindhu was conferred with the sportsperson of year award in female category and Neeraj Chopra was conferred with the sportsperson of the year award in Male category.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **The National Maritime Day (NMD) is observed every year on 5 April** to commemorate the maiden voyage of the first Indian owned ship **"SS Loyalty"** sailed from Bombay to London on 5th April 1919.
 - This year is it is **55th** edition of NMD and **theme** is **"Indian Ocean-An Ocean of opportunity"**. The NMD is being observed annually since **1964**.