



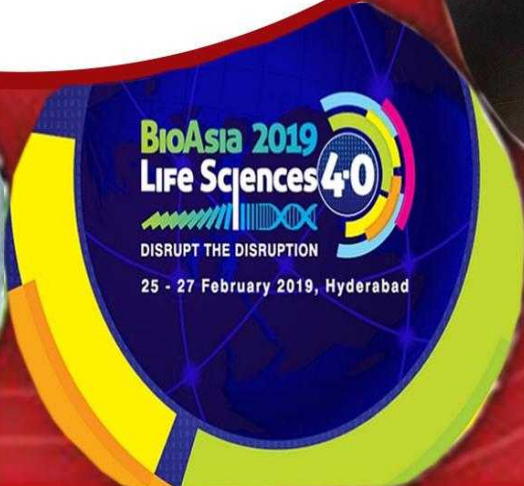
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NATIONAL NEWS

- The Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT- Delhi to collaborate in the field of standardisation and conformity assessment.
 - The MoU was signed by IIT Delhi Professor V Ramgopal Rao and Director General of BIS Surina Rajan.
- **The Tamil Nadu government** has **renamed** the iconic **Chennai Central Railway Station as Puratchi Thalaivar Dr MGR Central Railway Station**. The station was renamed after the receipt of 'no objection' from the Union **Home Ministry**.
 - **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** announced that the Chennai Central Railway Station would be renamed after late Chief Minister and **AIADMK founder M.G. Ramachandran**.
- On 5th April 2019, the **3-day National Cardiology Conference 2019** has been started at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of medical sciences in **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**.
 - Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** was the **chief guest** of this conference.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **The World Economic Forum (WEF) on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) 2019 kicked off in Jordan** with over 1,000 participants from more than 50 countries. The **17th** WEF meeting in the region called for united efforts to address the most pressing challenges of the area.
 - At the opening ceremony, **King Abdullah II** of Jordan said it takes a broad partnership to create a platform for economic growth.

ECONOMY

- On 5th April 2019, a new seller-funding programme named '**Amazon Wings**' has been launched by **Amazon India** to help the small businesses and entrepreneurs to raise funds through the **crowd funding platform**.
 - With this initiative, the **small businesses and entrepreneurs** of this platform **can raise the funds** for their business expansion, product development, and foster innovation or community development.

SPORTS

- For the 4th consecutive time in a row the Northern Command based in **Udhampur** has won the **15th edition of General J J Singh air weapon championship**.
 - Between **25th March to 3rd April** the championship was conducted at **Army Marksmanship Unit, Mhow**.

AWARDS

- On 5th April 2019, **Tata Steel** bagged the '**Global Slag Company of the Year**' award at the **14th Global Slag Conference and Exhibition 2019**, for its innovative practices in the development of new applications for **Steel by-products (Slag)**.

BOOKS

- The genius of K L Saigal, his timeless compositions and the golden era of Indian cinema have been brought alive in a book on the legendary singer. **Kundan: Saigal's Life & Music**, authored by documentary filmmaker and former DDG of Doordarshan **Sharad Dutt**, has been transcreated in English by **Jyoti Sabharwal of Stellar Publishers**.
 - Dutt won the National Award (Swarna Kamal for best book on cinema) in 2005 for the original book in Hindi.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **The National Handloom week** has been observed **from 7th April to 14th April this year**.
 - The **national handloom day** observed on **7th August** every year and last year in **December 2018** the national handloom week was observed.