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National News

- The Central Bank notified that the (Reserve Bank of India) RBI-appointed committee chaired by **Nandan Nilekani**, Aadhaar architect, submitted the panel's suggestions on **promoting digital payments** to Shaktikanta Das, the Governor of RBI.
 - In January 2019, the Central Bank had set up the **5-member panel** with an objective to promote digitisation of payments, thus improving financial inclusion through digitisation.
- Bajaj Finserv, through its lending arm Bajaj Finance Ltd has launched a specialised insurance cover titled '**Mumbai Local Train Cover**' for passengers travelling in local trains in Mumbai.
 - This policy provides coverage in case of mishap during a train journey.

AWARDS

- **The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**, Government of India, felicitated **Legacy Accelerators, Antano and Harini** with the '**Award for Honour**' for their work to help people change the trajectory of their lives and create a personal legacy in compressed time.

APPOINTMENTS

- On May 17, 2019, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, announced the appointment of **Radha Venkataraman** as the next **High Commissioner of India to the Kingdom of Eswatini**.
 - She is currently serving as the Director in the Ministry of External Affairs. She is set to take up her responsibility soon. She succeeds Rudra Gaurav Shresth.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- The **Website of the Lokpal** was inaugurated by the Chairperson, **Justice Shri Pinaki Chandra Ghose**. His oath was administered by **President Ram Nath**

Kovind. All the Members of Lokpal attended it.

- The Government has also appointed **4 Judicial and 4 non-Judicial Members.**

IMPORTANT DAYS

- Initiated by Ministry of Healthy and Family Welfare, National Dengue Day is observed annually on May 16 to raise awareness about the viral disease dengue and its preventive measures.
 - In 2017 maximum numbers of dengue cases were reported from **Tamil Nadu.**


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