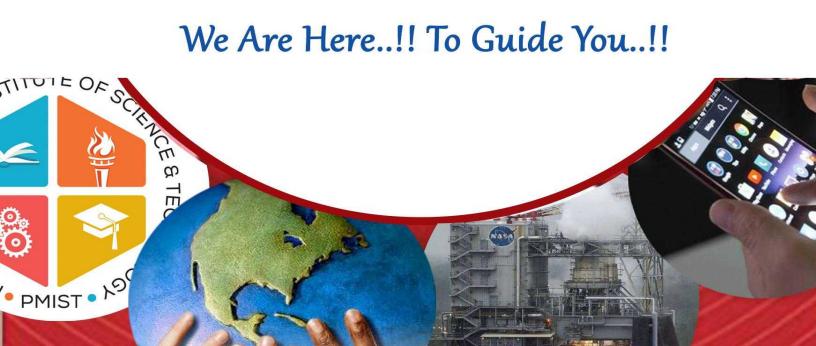


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National News

- 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.
 - o 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.
 - o 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 he '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

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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.

