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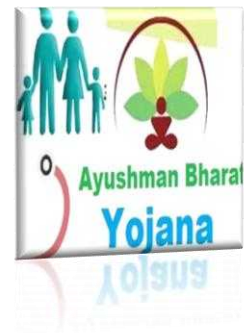
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NATIONAL NEWS

- **Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO)** conducted a successful flight test of ABHYAS high-speed expendable aerial target **(HEAT) from Interim Test Range, Chandipur in Odisha.**
 - The pilotless target aircraft are used by the DRDO and the three services for testing their different types of missiles including air-to-air missiles and surface to air missiles. **The ABHYAS is an advanced expendable target which can be used for simulating different types of aircraft and missiles.**
- Rajiv Gandhi International Airport has been declared as the eighth best airport in the world. In the 2019 annual rating report by Air Help, an organization that specializes in air traveller rights, Doha's Hamad International Airport, Tokyo Haneda International Airport, and Athens International Airport have retained their top three positions in the list.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **India and the United Kingdom** agreed to increase their **collaboration in the fields of Indo-Pacific cooperation, climate change, disaster resilience, development in third world countries amongst other areas.**
 - The two countries held Foreign Office consultations, where the Indian side was led by Foreign Secretary **Vijay Gokhale** and the UK side was represented by **Sir Simon McDonald**, Permanent Under-Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office of British Government.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- On May 13, 2019, the US Space Agency announced that **National Aeronautics and Space Organization(NASA)** is set for its **Mission to Moon "Artemis"** which is set to be achieved by **2024.**
 - Earlier, its goal to achieve this feat was by 2028. The Mission is named 'Artemis' after the Greek mythological goddess of the Moon and twin sister to Apollo.

ECONOMY

- **The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** announced a **Rs 700-crore venture capital fund for equity** investments in agriculture and rural-focused startups.
 - NABARD has been contributing to other funds till now and this is the first time that the rural development bank has launched a fund of its own.

SPORTS

- Amid all the World Cup hype, India skipper **Virat Kohli has bagged the International Cricketer of the year award** while **Smriti Mandhana was honoured with the International women cricketer of the year** award during the **CEAT International Cricket Awards 2019**.
 - Kohli has accumulated 10843 runs in the one-day international (ODI) cricket and scored 6613 runs in the longest format.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Sanjiv Puri**, Managing Director of diversified conglomerate **ITC Ltd**, was appointed the **company's new Chairman** in the place of veteran Yogi Deveshwar, who passed away recently.
 - The appointment of Puri, till now the Managing Director, was made by ITC at a meeting of its Board of Directors.