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## NATIONAL NEWS

- **Kerala became the first state to tap into masala bond market** by listing the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB)'s masala bond worth of USD 312 million (Rs 2,150 crore) in London Stock Exchange (LSE)'s International Securities Market (ISM).
  - It has a fixed interest rate of **9.723% per annum**. The bond issue builds on the Kerala government's focus to get multinational corporations to invest in the state.
- **Recently, centre has issued a "drought advisory" to six states named Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu due to water storage in dams dropped to a "critical level". Centre has asked these 6 six states to use water judiciously.**

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- A meeting on the development of **Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI)** gas pipeline, also known as Trans-Afghanistan pipeline held in Turkmenistan recently.
  - **Groundbreaking of the TAPI gas pipeline will be held in Pakistan in October this year.**

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Recently, **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has announced to conduct seven Mega Missions for upcoming 10 years and also prepared a roadmap for the next 30 years.
  - The seven Mega Missions includes India's second moon mission **Chandrayaan-2, XPoSAT and Aditya L-1.**

## APPOINTMENTS

- Australian PM **Scott Morrison's Liberal-National Coalition** won federal elections over the opposition **Labor Party**. The polling was held for 151 seats in the House of Representatives.

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- **The party needed 76 seats to win as majority out of 151 seats.**

## AWARDS

- Indian filmmaker, **Achyutanand Dwivedi's film, "Seed Mother"**, won the **third prize in the international section of Nespresso Talents 2019 in Cannes.**
  - The three-minute film celebrates the exceptional spirit of Rahibai Soma Popere, a woman who champions the use of local seeds and traditional methods of farming in villages of Maharashtra.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- World Metrology Day was observed on May 20, 2019 with a theme **"The International System of Units – Fundamentally better"**.
  - This theme was chosen because last year on 16th November 2018, the General Conference on Weights and Measures agreed to revise the International System of Units (SI).

## BOOKS

- The world's most mysterious 600-year old manuscript named **'Voynich Manuscript'** was finally deciphered by **Bristol academician Dr. Gerard Cheshire and it took him just 2 weeks.**
  - The Voynich Manuscript contains information about astrological physical tips, parenting and psychology, abortion advice and herbal remedies.