

NATIONAL**Odisha****Oil Marketing Companies to engage 10,000 women as grassroots energy ambassadors**

- In Odisha, Oil Marketing Companies will engage more than 10,000 rural women as 'Ujjwala Didis' to act as grassroots energy ambassadors across the state to ensure sustainability of LPG use.
- Ujjwala Didis will act as a bridge between existing and prospective LPG consumers and the distributors in the state.
- The state saw phenomenal growth in LPG households from 20 lakh in 2014 to almost 78 lakh in February, 2019.

Tamil Nadu**Inter-state police meeting**

- Top police officials of southern states held an inter-state coordination meeting at Ooty in Tamil Nadu.
- The officials discussed measures to check inter-state smuggling of liquor and monitor the movement of illegal arms, explosives and suspects.

INTERNATIONAL**Pakistan has taken over control of headquarters of terror outfit JeM**

- Pakistan government says it has taken over the administrative control of terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) headquarters in Bahawalpur.
- The JeM claimed the responsibility for Pulwama terror attack that killed 40 CRPF personnel in Jammu and Kashmir.
- The move came after the United Nations Security Council strongly condemned February 14 terror attack.

Sudanese President declares year-long state of emergency

- Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir has declared a year-long state of emergency, dissolving his cabinet and local governments throughout the country.

EU stands firm beside India in fighting terrorism

- European Union (EU) has affirmed that it is strongly beside India on combating terrorism and there were no differences between them on the issue.

FATF keeps Pakistan on grey list

- International terror financing watchdog, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has decided to keep Pakistan on its grey list at the end of its week-long plenary meeting in Paris.
- The FATF has asked Pakistan to swiftly complete its action plan that includes showing sanctions were being applied in cases of money laundering and terrorism financing.

FATF extends deadline for Iran

- The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has extended the deadline for Iran to fix its anti-money laundering and terrorism financing rules till June 2019.

SCIENCE**Salivary protein biomarkers of breast, ovarian cancer metastasis identified**

- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee have taken the first step to identify certain proteins found in saliva that can be used as potential biomarkers indicative of breast and ovarian cancer metastasis.
- The composition and expression of salivary gland-derived proteins are altered in people with breast and ovarian cancer.

World's largest bee refound

- The world's largest bee, a giant insect roughly the size of a human thumb, has been rediscovered in a remote part of Indonesia in its first sighting in nearly 40 years. The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species lists the bee as "vulnerable".

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Relief for start-ups with tax notice

- About 300 start-ups which had received tax payment orders due to issues related to 'angel tax' may soon get relief, as the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has asked industry representatives to submit the names and PAN details of all the affected start-ups.

India to have own DNS for safe browsing

- The government will soon roll out a public Domain Name Server, or DNS, for India aimed at providing a faster and more secure browsing experience for Internet users in the country, while ensuring that citizens' data is stored locally.
- A DNS is a like a directory for the Internet. It helps to convert domain names that are easy for people to remember into IP addresses, which are used by computers/machines to communicate. If the DNS is either slow or fails to work, users will not be able to locate web addresses.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES

Kumbh Global Participation Event

- The Indian Council for Cultural Relations organized a special event at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra in Delhi, to felicitate delegates from 188 countries, who participated in the Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj.

Economic Times Global Business Summit

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, addressed the Economic Times Global Business Summit.

Conference on The Future of Indian Banking

- NITI Aayog co-hosted a conference on “The Future of Indian Banking” on February 22, 2019, with the Foundation for Economic Growth and Welfare (EGROW Foundation). Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, inaugurated the event.
- The conference aimed to increase and elevate the discourse on the banking sector in India, and help develop insights to inform the continued evolution of the Indian banking sector for optimally supporting the growing credit needs of the Indian economy.

46th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers of OIC

- The 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) will be held in Abu Dhabi on the 1st and 2nd of next month. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will be the Guest of Honour and address the inaugural plenary.

Medical Fair India 2019

- Over 12 lakh people have been treated free of cost under Ayushman Bharat scheme, the world's largest health care programme, the CEO of Ayushman Bharat Dr Indu Bhushan said at the Medical Fair India 2019 in Delhi.

SPORTS**International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup**

- India's Apurvi Chandela qualified for the Finals of the Women's 10 metres Air Rifle event at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in New Delhi.

No IPL opening ceremony this year

- The IPL will not have an opening ceremony this year after the Committee of Administrators (CoA) running Indian cricket decided to allocate the money to the families of the CRPF personnel killed in the Pulwama terror attack.

First team from Asia to win a Test series in South Africa

- Sri Lanka beat South Africa in the second and final test and won the series 2-0. Sri Lanka becomes the first team from Asia to win a Test series in South Africa.

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