

NATIONAL**New Delhi****Debris from anti-satellite test to disintegrate in 45 days**

- The satellite targeted with an Anti-Satellite (ASAT) missile under Mission Shakti has broken up into at least 270 pieces, most of which are expected to disintegrate within 45 days.
- The satellite has disintegrated into at least 270 pieces which has also been confirmed by the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD).

INTERNATIONAL**India, US urge Pakistan to take action against terrorism**

- India and United States have jointly urged Pakistan to take meaningful, irreversible and verifiable action against terrorists and terror groups operating from its soil.

China, US resume trade talks

- China and the US resumed trade talks in Beijing, giving another push to their high-stakes negotiations to end their months-long tariff war.

SCIENCE**Humans can detect the earth's magnetic fields**

- Scientists have long known that turtles, birds, honeybees and even bacteria can sense the earth's magnetic field and use them for navigation. A team of researchers from California Institute of Technology, U.S. and the University of Tokyo has shown that humans do indeed unconsciously respond to the changes in the earth's magnetic fields.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY**RBI directs banks dealing with government business to remain open on March 31**

- The RBI has directed banks to keep open their branches dealing with government business tomorrow, the last day of the current financial year.

SUMMITS & CONFERENCES**India-Bolivia business Forum**

- Indian President addressed the India-Bolivia business Forum. 60% of Bolivian gold is exported to India. Bolivia is the 8th leading trading partner of India in Latin America region. India offers US\$ 100 million line of credit to Bolivia for Financing Development Projects.

APPOINTMENTS

- Rear Admiral Suraj Berry - **Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet**
- Radm Mahesh Singh - **Flag Officer Commanding Karnataka Area**
- Sanjay Jayavarthanavelu, Satish Reddy - **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Southern Region, Chairman and Deputy Chairman.**

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS**MoU between India & Bolivia**

- India and Bolivia have signed eight MoUs in the fields of culture, Visa waiver arrangement for diplomats, the exchange between diplomatic academies, mining, space, traditional medicine, establishment of Centre of Excellence in IT and Bi-Oceanic Railway project.

AWARDS

- **“Condor de Los Andes en el Grado de Gran Collar” [Highest State honour of Bolivia]** – Indian President Ram Nath Kovind.

- **Earth Day award** - Alemba Yimchunger [A forest guard at the Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary in Nagaland's Kiphire district]

APP & WEBPORTAL

'Sankalp' app

- In Assam, the Bongaigaon district administration has developed a mobile app Sankalp to particularly reach out to the first-time voters. It is a special initiative taken to encourage the first-time voters.

SPORTS

India Open Badminton

- Kidambi Srikanth has stormed into the finals of the India Open Badminton by beating China's Huang yuxiang in the semi-final.

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