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### **Union Ministry of Home Affairs distributed 3100 special kits ‘ SAECKs ‘ to states and union territories to collect evidence on sexual assault cases**

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has distributed around 3,100 special kits among states and union territories. The kits are termed ‘**SAECKs**‘ (**The Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits**) and are also called ‘rape investigation kits’ that help to collect blood and semen samples for carrying out immediate effective medico-legal investigations on sexual assault cases.

The SAECK kits are obtained only with the financial support under the Central government’s ‘**Nirbhaya Fund**’, **termed after the 2012 Delhi gang-rape victim.**

### **The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) launched Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (MERA)**

On 26th April 2019, The Indian Council of Medical Research has launched the ‘**Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (MERA)** India which is a conglomeration of partners working on malaria control in order to eliminate the disease from India by 2030.

The National Vector Borne Diseases Control Program (NVBDCP) of India has developed a comprehensive framework to achieve the target of “Malaria free India by 2030” and for this reason the Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (MERA) India established.

### **India ranked as the 2nd-most targeted nation by hackers in 2018 with 120 Crore Attacks according to Akamai Technologies Report**

The report by Akamai Technologies notifies that with more than 120 crore account takeover attacks in 2018, India ranked second for hacking attempts in the world after the US, each of the attacks represented an attempt by a person or a computer to log in to an account with a stolen or generated username and password. **Canada ranks third for attacks.**

### **ABU Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness begun in Kathmandu, Nepal**



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5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness has started in Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal with a theme of “Media Solutions for Sustainable Future: Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities”. The aim of this summit is to address the key issue of utilizing media’s full potential of accelerating climate action and disaster preparedness and connect different

stakeholders to media professionals for collaboration and joint practical projects.

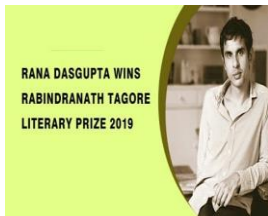
### **Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong Un hold first-ever talks in Russia**

Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un holds first-ever talks at the Far Eastern Federal University Campus on Russky Island in the far eastern Russian Pacific port city of Vladivostok. The aim of this meeting is to break the deadlock over North Korea’s nuclear weapons programme.

### Microsoft becomes world's third company to be worth \$1 trillion

Seattle-based tech giant Microsoft has reached a valuation of \$1 trillion for the first time after a jump in stock valuation that followed a qualitative-laden third fiscal quarter and has again taken over Apple as the world's most valuable company.

i. Microsoft has become the third company to cross that once-unimaginable line following Apple, earned in August 2018 and Amazon, earned in september 2018.



### Rana Dasgupta bags Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019

British Indian novelist Rana Dasgupta has been awarded the second edition of Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019 for his 2010 novel "Solo", deals with a tale of estrangement and the ultimate failure of material existence. The Award included a Tagore statue, a certificate for contribution to literature and a cash prize of \$10,000 each.



### Saurabh Chaudhary, Manu Bhaker win India's 2nd gold at ISSF Beijing World Cup 2019

, Indian shooters Saurabh Chaudhary, 16 year old, and Manu Bhaker, 17 year old, clinched the 10m Air Pistol Mixed gold by beating Jiang Ranxin and Pang Wei of China 16-6 in the final at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 2019 in Beijing, China.

### Ajinkya Rahane becomes 1st Indian cricketer to join Hampshire

Indian cricketer, Ajinkya Madhukar Rahane became the first overseas player from India to represent Hampshire and he will replace Aiden Kyle Markram, who will join the national team for the World Cup.

### Finance Ministry ratifies 8.65% interest on EPF for 2018-19

The Finance Ministry has approved 8.65 per cent rate of interest on **Employees' Provident Fund (EPF)** for 2018-19 as decided by retirement fund body EPFO, benefitting more than 6 crore formal sector workers.

The interest rate on EPF was **hiked to 8.65 per cent for the last fiscal from 8.55 per cent** provided in 2017-18. The EPFO had earlier reduced the interest rate in 2016-17 to 8.65 per cent from 8.8 per cent in 2015-16.