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Nandan Nilekani-led panel submitted report to RBI regarding the promotion of digital payments

The Central Bank notified that the (Reserve Bank of India) RBI-appointed committee chaired by Nandan Nilekani, Aadhaar architect, submitted the panel's suggestions on promoting digital payments to Shaktikanta Das, the Governor of RBI.

The 'Payment and Settlement Systems in India: Vision 2019 – 2021', with its main theme of 'Empowering Exceptional (E)payment Experience', aims to achieve "a highly digital and cash-lite society" through the goal posts of 4Cs, namely, competition, cost effectiveness, convenience and confidence.

Claude Monet's 1890 work 'Mueles' painting sold for record breaking \$110.7 million at Sotheby's auction



One of the paintings of 1890 named 'Mueles' (Grainstacks) of Claude Monet was sold for a record breaking price of \$110.7 million (Rs.778 crore) at Sotheby's Impressionist & Modern Art Evening Sale. It became the ninth most expensive work ever sold in the auction.

Sunny Pawar won the Best Child Actor award for his performance in 'Chippa' at 19th New York Indian Film Festival

Child actor, Sunny Pawar aged 11, won the Best Child Actor Award for his performance in 'Chippa' at the 19th New York Indian Film Festival. He hails from a slum in Kunchi Kurve Nagar in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Film 'Chippa' is directed by Safdar Rahman.

Architect of Louvre Pyramid, Ieoh Ming Pei passed away at 102 in New York

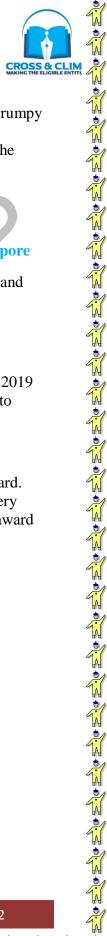


Ieoh Ming Pei, world famous chinese-american architect who designed Louvre Pyramid, the main entrance to the Louvre Museum which houses the Mona Lisa among other historical works of art passed away at the age of 102 in New York. He was born in Guangzhou, Republic of China.

ICC releases official World Cup 2019 song

The International Cricket Council (ICC) released its official song 'Stand By' for the forthcoming Men's Cricket World Cup 2019, that begins on May 30 in England and Wales.

The song, a collaboration between new artist **LORYN and Rudimental** will be played in ground and city events across the tournament as the official song to this summer's showpiece event.



Internet sensation Grumpy Cat passed away aged 7



Internet sensation, Tardar Sauce commonly called Grumpy Cat passed away aged 7. This news was announced by **Tabatha Bundesen** from Morristown, Arizona, the owner of Grumpy Cat. It suffered from urinary tract infection.

26th edition of Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) held in Singapore

INS Kolkata and INS Shakti of the Indian Navy participated in a 3-day Asia Pacific naval and maritime event titled the International Maritime Defence Exhibition Asia (IMDEX Asia-2019) held in Changi Exhibition Centre, Singapore.

UNDRR Confers Dr P.K. Mishra With Sasakawa Award 2019

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) conferred Sasakawa Award 2019 for Disaster Risk Reduction to Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra, Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister of India.

Ronaldo wins 'Serie A Player of the Year' award

Juventus star striker Cristiano Ronaldo was awarded the 'Serie A Player of the Year' award. This is a remarkable feat for the Portuguese international as he has won the award in his very first season in Italy. With this win, Ronaldo has now won the domestic player of the year award in England, Spain, and Italy.