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Nanomechanical Testing Technology

An Indian scientist, Dr. Sudharshan Phani has developed a novel method for precise **nanomechanical testing of materials** at extremely small scales .

- The new technique enhances the precision and accuracy of **nanoindentation testing**, allowing for high throughput testing at higher rates.
 - **Nanoindentation** has widespread applications, including measuring semiconductor device strength and understanding material properties in various fields such as **cancer**
 - **cell** research and **Meteorite** formation.
- The approach involved extensive modeling and simulation to understand material responses during indentation tests, leading to tailored improvements in precision and accuracy.
- The new methodology sets the stage for high precision and high accuracy nanoindentation measurements at faster rates, impacting diverse scientific research areas related to material strength measurement.

Read more: [Nanotechnology and Health](#)

Chandrayaan-3 Moon Lander Separates from Propulsion Module

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After 34 days on board the **Chandrayaan-3** spacecraft, **the propulsion module** and the lander module parted ways on 17th August, and have now embarked on their respective journeys.

- **ISRO's** Chandrayaan-3 mission involves a lander module (LM), a propulsion module (PM), and a rover for **lunar exploration**.
- LM and PM were successfully separated, with the LM set to **descend to a lower orbit** through planned deboosting.
- The propulsion module's main role is to transport the lander from **launch vehicle** injection to a 100-km orbit around the moon.
- The lander's primary function is soft landing and deploying the rover for **in-situ** chemical analysis

of the lunar surface.

Read more: <https://www.drishtias.com/daily-updates/daily-news-analysis/chandrayaan-3-2>

Baghjan Oil Spill

The **National Green Tribunal (NGT)** ordered the **Assam** government to provide interim compensation to victims of **Baghjan oil and gas leak**. This site belongs to **OIL India Ltd** near **Dibru Saikhowa National Park**.

- NGT-formed **committee led by Justice BP Katakey** found **environmental violations**, declaring Baghjan oil and gas field illegal.
- **Maguri Motapung Beel** (also known as Maguri Motapung Bill, Maguri Bill and Maguri Beel) is a wetland and lake located near to **Dibru-Saikhowa National Park** and Motapung Village of Tinsukia district in Assam.

Read more: [Assam Gas Leak](#)

National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS)

National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) of **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)**, won the **Gold Award** under the Excellence in Government Process Reengineering for **Digital Transformation Category-1** of **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)**.

- **NAFIS**, a nationwide database managed by NCRB, swiftly stores crime-related fingerprints and assigns a **unique 10-digit National Fingerprint Number (NFN)** to apprehended criminals within 24 hours.
 - NFN remains with the offender for life, connecting various crimes under different FIRs to the same ID.
 - ID comprises state code (first two digits) and sequential number, specific to states.
 - NAFIS swiftly identifies persons of interest, linking their names to warrants, warnings, and related criminal data in police reference systems.
- Operates from New Delhi's **Central Fingerprint Bureau (CFPB)**.
- NAFIS aims to collect fingerprint data of criminals from all Indian states and Union Territories, offering a web-based platform for real-time uploading, tracking, and retrieval of information by law enforcement agencies.

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