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National News

1. India participates at 3rd G20 Sherpa meeting in Indonesia



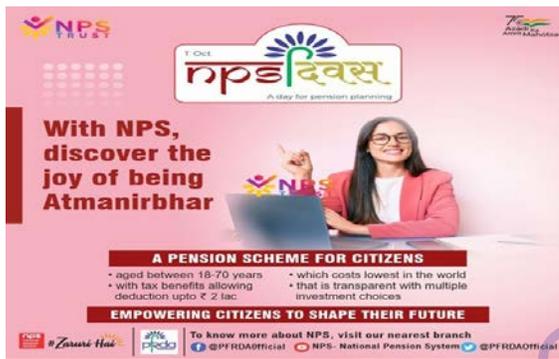
- India's G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant led an official delegation to the third G20 Sherpa meeting held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia from 26th to 29th of September.
- During the deliberations, Mr Kant reaffirmed India's commitment and active support to Indonesian Presidency's efforts to finalize meaningful outcomes for the forthcoming G20 Bali Summit in November.
- He also emphasized the need for G20 to bring enhanced global focus on and strengthen international cooperation and efforts in key priority areas such as sustainable growth, accelerated progress on SDGs, and addressing climate change.

2. President Murmu presents 68th National Film Awards



- President Droupadi Murmu on Friday conferred on the winners the 68th National Film Awards for the year 2020 in New Delhi.
- Dada Saheb Phalke award for 2020 was given to legendary actress Asha Parekh.
- Best feature film award was given to Tamil film Soorarai Pottru.
- Hindi film Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior' got the Award for Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment.
- Ajay Devgn received the Best Actor award for the film, Tanhaji : The Unsung Warrior and Suriya also received the best actor award for the film, Soorarai Pottru.
- Aparna Balamurali was awarded the Best Actress Award for Soorarai Pottru.
- Sachidanandan KR received Best Director Award for Malayalam Film AK Ayyappanum Koshiyum.

3. PFRDA to observe National Pension System Diwas on October 1



- Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority, PFRDA will observe 1st of October as the National Pension System Diwas (NPS Diwas) to promote pension and retirement planning among the citizens.
- PFRDA is organising this campaign under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- The pension regulator aims to encourage every citizen, whether working professionals or self-employed professionals, to plan towards creating a pension corpus to ensure a financially sound future after retirement.
- NPS subscribers will enjoy the benefits of tax deduction on contribution, power of compounding and reap the benefits of regular income after retirement.

4. 36th National Games: Haryana's Anish wins gold medal in Men's Rapid Fire Pistol event



- In the 36th National Games, Anish of Haryana won gold medal in Men's Rapid Fire Pistol event at Ahmedabad in Gujarat on Friday. Ankur Goyal of Uttarakhand and Gurmeet of Punjab win silver and bronze, respectively.
- In Men,s 1500 Meter run, Parvez Khan of Services won gold medal. Ajay Kumar of Uttar Pradesh) won silver and Arun Wask of Madhya Pradesh Bronze.
- In Women's High Jump, Swapna Barman set a new National Games record with a 1.83m jump in the women's High Jump event.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated the 36th National Games in the Narendra Modi stadium in Motera area of Ahmedabad city yesterday.

5. New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi to launch 5G services in the country



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch 5G services today in New Delhi. 5G technology will provide seamless coverage, high data rate, low latency, and highly reliable communication. It will also increase energy efficiency, spectrum efficiency and network efficiency.
- Communications and Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vasihaw said that Government intends to cover the entire country with 5G services within two years.
- He said, an investment of around three lakh crore rupees will be made for the 5G service.
- AIR correspondent reports that Digital connectivity has been an important part of policy initiatives of government through its flagship programmes such as Digital India, Start-up India, and Make in India.
- 5G services have the potential to create new-age businesses, generate additional revenue for enterprises, and provide employment arising from the deployment of innovative use cases and technologies.

- **5G's direct contribution to the Indian economy is estimated to be 450 billion dollars over the next 15 years.**
- **The earliest applications of 5G will be in sectors with high digital technology maturity, like Industry 4.0, Smart Cities, and FinTech. With the introduction of 5G, India is poised to become a global leader in FinTech.**

6. Kazakhstan to change name of capital from Nur-sultan back to Astana



- **Kazakhstan's president, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev is to restore the former name of the country's capital, Astana, just three years after he renamed it in honour of his predecessor.**
- **Kazakhstan's president has signed a law limiting presidential terms and reverting to the old name of the Central Asian country's capital, in the latest step of breaking with the legacy of his predecessor. The bill also reinstated the capital's name to Astana.**
- **The name was changed to Nur-Sultan in March 2019, in honour of outgoing president Nursultan Nazarbayev.**
- **President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev signed a bill on 24 Sept limiting presidential mandates to a single seven-year term, a day after parliament approved the measure.**

7. Bank of Baroda launches 'Khushiyon ka Tyohaar' offers; no processing fee for home loans



- Bank of Baroda (BOB) has announced to launch of 'Khushiyon Ka Tyohaar'.
- The 'Khushiyon Ka Tyohaar' includes a series of offers as an annual festival campaign.
- The bank will offer to attractive interest rates on a home loans, car loans, education loans, and many more during the 'Khushiyon Ka Tyohaar' campaign.
- The BOB customers will receive many benefits through the 'Khushiyon Ka Tyohaar' campaign.
- The offers and benefits include pre-payments, part-payment charges, concessional processing charges, and longer tenure of seven years.
- Bank of Baroda (BOB) home loans are available at a competitive interest rate beginning at 7.95% per annual with no processing charges.
- The BOB customers will be given a special rate starting from 7.95% per annum on BOB car loans.

8. Eco-conscious shopping: Mastercard to launch 'carbon calculator' for Indian consumers



- Mastercard, a global payment and technology company is set to launch Carbon Calculator features.
- Mastercard is in talks with Indian Banks to launch the Carbon Calculator feature which will offer the consumers an estimated carbon footprint for each of their purchases.
- The Mastercard Carbon Calculator will help consumers to become cause-driven.
- Mastercard has started the Priceless Planet Coalition, which is a campaign to restore 100 million trees.
- The Carbon Calculator will let the consumers see the carbon effect of their purchase.
- The Mastercard CIO said that the broadening definition of money, intelligent experience, and ESG-conscious consumer behavior are the three big factors that will influence the next economy.
- Carbon Calculator is a service that will be provided to banks. It is a personalized carbon footprint tracker that can tell consumers the cumulative effect of carbon footprint across various spending categories in a month.

- It has already been launched in several countries, now it will be launched in India too.
- Mastercard Carbon Calculator is developed with the collaboration of Swedish Fin-tech Doconomy and it is currently used in 25 countries. The banking partners can also embed the tracking tool in their websites or mobile apps.

9. Veteran Congress leader Jayanti Patnaik passes away at 90 in Bhubaneswar



- **Death of Jayanti Patnaik:** Jayanti Pattnaik, the first chair of the National Women's Commission and a former member of parliament, passed away in Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha. She was the wife of late Janaki Ballav Pattnaik.
- President Droupadi Murmu has sent her condolences to her family, friends, and well-wishers, describing her as an accomplished social worker who won the hearts of the people of the state by her service and dedication.
- Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan expressed his sorrow by stating that late Jayanti Pattnaik was a writer in addition to being active in politics and the community.
- Naveen Pattnaik, the chief minister of Odisha, has stated that she will be remembered for her contributions to women's empowerment and Odia literature.

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