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NATIONAL NEWS

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- Thousands of Sanskrit lovers from 17 countries are attending Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan, the three-day mega event beginning in New Delhi. Addressing the gathering, Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan Sanskrit continues to be prevalent in the society as it is used by the people across the country.

5th edition of GES to be held from Nov 26-28 in Bengaluru

- The fifth edition of Global Exhibition on Services, GES 2019 is being held from November 26 to 28 at Bengaluru in Karnataka.
- The Global Exhibition on Services is an annual event which aims to engage industry and governments across the world and to promote greater exchange of trade in services between India and the rest of the world.
- Commerce and Industry Ministry said that GES 2019 is an attempt towards escalating the Indian services bar in the global arena, encompassing participation from 100 countries and hosting sector-specific knowledge sessions.
- India is looking to attract investments and partnerships in strategic areas like aviation and space programme, infrastructure, and telecom projects.

BANKING

No NEFT charges for savings account holders from Jan 2020, RBI mandates banks

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has mandated banks not to charge savings account holders for NEFT with effect from January 2020.
- it had done away with charges on NEFT and RTGS transactions.
- In order to provide an impetus to digital funds movement, it has been decided to do away with the charges levied by the Reserve Bank for transactions processed in the RTGS and NEFT systems. Banks will be required, in turn, to pass these benefits to their customers. Instructions to banks in this regard will be issued within a week.

Karnataka Gramin Bank initiates 'mobile ATMs' to push digitisation in rural areas

- In a move to boost digitisation in rural areas, the Karnataka Gramin Bank (KGB) has launched 'mobile ATMs' in Kalaburagi among several other districts in the state.
- The special vehicle includes an ATM and a screen to show videos of different banking schemes.
- The mobile ATMs will go to the doorsteps of the farmers and make them aware of the banking schemes and digital operating systems.

APPOINTMENT

Shri Anjani Kumar appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Mali

- Shri Anjani Kumar (IFS-2003) has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Mali.
- He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

OBITUARY

Former Chief Election Commissioner T N Seshan passes away

- Former Chief Election Commissioner T N Seshan, who ruthlessly enforced the model code of conduct and led the game-changing electoral reforms in the 1990s, died in Chennai following a cardiac arrest. He was 86.

Dhrupad maestro and Padma Shri awardee Ramakant Gundecha passes away at 56

- Padma Shri-awardee Dhrupad vocalist Ramakant Gundecha passed away. He was awarded the Padma Shri for 2012 in the field of Art – Indian Classical Music – Vocal along with his brother Umakant Gundecha.
- Dhrupad is a genre in Hindustani classical music from the Indian subcontinent and is related to the South Indian Carnatic tradition.

BOOKS AND AUTHOR

CJI Ranjan Gogoi releases Assamese version of book 'Courts of India: Past to Present'

- Chief Justice of India Justice Ranjan Gogoi released the Assamese version of the book 'Courts of India: Past to Present' in Guwahati. Releasing the book published by the Publication Division, Mr. Gogoi termed it as the architecture of justice. The book fabulously explains the Indian justice system.
- The Chief Justice of India also emphasized that the law students should go through the book. Chief Minister of Assam Sarbananda Sonowal, Chief Justice of India designate Sharad Arvind Bobde along with other dignitaries also attended the event.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Science Day for Peace and Development 10 November

- World Science Day for Peace and Development highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives.
- By linking science more closely with society, World Science Day for Peace and Development aims to ensure that citizens are kept informed of developments in science. It also underscores the role scientists play in broadening our understanding of the remarkable, fragile planet we call home and in making our societies more sustainable.