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NATIONAL NEWS

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi confirmed that India will host the G20 summit in the year 2022 when the country will complete 75 years of independence. The Prime Minister made the announcement at the concluding session on the third day of the G20 Summit in Argentina.
 - Originally slated to host the summit in the year 2021, the Prime Minister expressed his gratitude towards Italy for accepting their request to host the G20 in 2022.
- External Affairs Minister (EAM) Sushma Swaraj and the Foreign Minister of
 Mozambique Jose Condungua Antonio Pacheco co-chaired the 4th IndiaMozambique Joint Commission meeting in New Delhi, where the two leaders
 held discussion on co-operation in commercial, investment, defence, development
 and social sectors.
 - The African nation's Foreign Minister is on an official visit to India. He is slated to address the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), following which he shall be attending the India-Mozambique Business Forum at The Oberoi in New Delhi.
- Indian Railways unveiled 'eDrishti' software that will help Union Railway
 Minister to keep track of punctuality of trains as well as freight and passenger
 earnings and much more from anywhere in the country. The software has been
 developed by Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS) to help Minister
 keep track of all information related to Indian Railways, one of the world's largest
 rail networks.
 - It will also provide the live status of reserved and unreserved passengers travelling on trains besides providing the exact location of trains at any point of time.
- The India Health Summit, organized by the Confederation Of Indian Industry will take place at the Le Meridien in New Delhi. This event will provide a platform which will be a global conglomeration of innovators/technocrats/intellectuals and healthcare business leaders to meet, deliberate, discuss cutting-edge innovations which will help the country health care system.

- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched a media campaign calling for the elimination of industrially produced trans-fat in the food supply.
 - Named "Heart Attack Rewind", the 30-second public service announcement the first mass media campaign of its kind will support FSSAI's global target of eliminating trans-fat in India by 2022, a year ahead of the global target by the World Health Organization.
- The President of India, **Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, inaugurated the **13th edition of CII Agro Tech India-2018 in Chandigarh**. He stated that Indian agriculture needs a renewal of its marriage with contemporary technology; protection against climate change, price fluctuations and demand shocks; and sustained investment by and partnership with business.
- Every year Manipur Tourism Department organizes annual cultural festival known as "Sangai Festival" which was previously known as "Tourism Festival" since 2010 this has been renamed as the Sangai Festival to stage the uniqueness of the shy and gentle brow-antlered deer popularly known as the Sangai Deer, which is the state animal of Manipur.
 - Theme: "DESTINATION MANIPUR". The Princess of Thailand Maha Chakri Sirindhonrn attended the 10-day festival on maiden visit to Manipur.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Focus on various global issues including peace, development, good governance
 and role of parliamentarians, climate change and role of media, two day Asia
 Pacific Summit-2018 has started in **Kathmandu**, the capital of Nepal. This
 summit was organized by South Korea-based Universal Peace Federation and
 supported by the Government of Nepal. This summit has attended by 1500
 participants from 45 countries including India.
 - Theme 2018 is "Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universal Values".
- Based on the results of a popular vote, Cambridge Dictionary has named
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"nomophobia", the "fear or worry at the idea of being without your mobile phone or unable to use it" as word of the year. The shortlist choices were selected from the year's new additions to the online dictionary and were chosen based on their popularity and relevance.

AWARDS

- Four Indian-origin women have been named by Forbes among America's top 50 female technology moguls, a list titled 'America's Top 50 Women in Tech 2018' that includes IBM CEO Ginni Rometty and Netflix executive Anne Aaron.
 - Padmasree Warrior, former chief technology officer (CTO) of Cisco;
 Komal Mangtani, senior director at app-based cab aggregator Uber; Neha
 Narkhede, chief technology officer and co-founder of streaming platform
 Confluent; and Kamakshi Sivaramakrishnan, CEO and founder of identity-management company Drawbrige; are in the list.
- Commander (Pilot) **Vijay Varma** and Captain (Pilot) **P Rajkumar** were honoured at the **'7th Asian of The Year'** awards acknowledging their selfless service and bravery for their death-defying rescue flying during the floods earlier this year in Kerala.
 - The winners were announced at the Straits Times Global Outlook Forum 2019 held in Singapore.

APPOINTMENTS

- With promises of uprooting corruption, poverty and violence in the country,
 Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador was sworn in as the President of Mexico for a term of six years.
 - Holding the majority in Congress, Obrador would now enjoy the confidence of at least 56 per cent approval ratings, as compared to his predecessor, Enrique Pena Nieto.
- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has appointed former Uttarakhand High Court judge, Justice U C Dhyani, as head of the three-member committee to

oversee rejuvenation work of the Ganga River. It also directed few measures to be adopted by enforcing agencies for cleaning of the river.

ECONOMY

- The RBI said NSFR norms that mandate banks to maintain a stable funding profile in relation to the composition of their assets and off-balance sheet activities will be operational from April 2020. The NSFR is defined as the amount of available stable funding relative to the amount of required stable funding.
 - o The guidelines on **Net Stable Funding Ratio** (**NSFR**) are in line with global norms prescribed by the **Basel Committee**. The NSFR would applicable for Indian banks at the solo as well as consolidated level.

SPORTS

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- The International Olympic Committee IOC has set up an advisory committee on human rights chaired by Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein, the former United Nations commissioner for human rights starting in 2024. President Thomas Bach said Saturday at meetings in the Japanese capital that "human rights standards" will be included in Olympic host-city contracts beginning with the 2024 Olympic in Paris.
- The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) rolled out its revolutionary contracts system for Wrestlers. The announcement was made by WFI President Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh in the presence of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Aditya Nath, who inaugurated the senior National Championship at Nandini Nagar in Gonda (U.P).

BOOKS & AUTHORS

 UK's Cambridge Dictionary has confirmed "nomophobia" the inaugural People's Word of the Year (2018). Cambridge Dictionary has named "nomophobia" which means the "fear or worry at the idea of being without your mobile phone or unable to use it" became word of the year 2018.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day for Abolition of Slavery December 2**
 - o The International Day for Abolition of Slavery will be marked on December 2 every year and December 2, 2018 is marking the **32nd antislavery day**. The day marks the 1949 adoption of the UN Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others.
 - o This day was first celebrated by the United Nations General Assembly on 2 **December**, 1986. It aims to end slavery which includes sexual exploitation, forced marriage, trafficking of persons and recruitment of child labour.

