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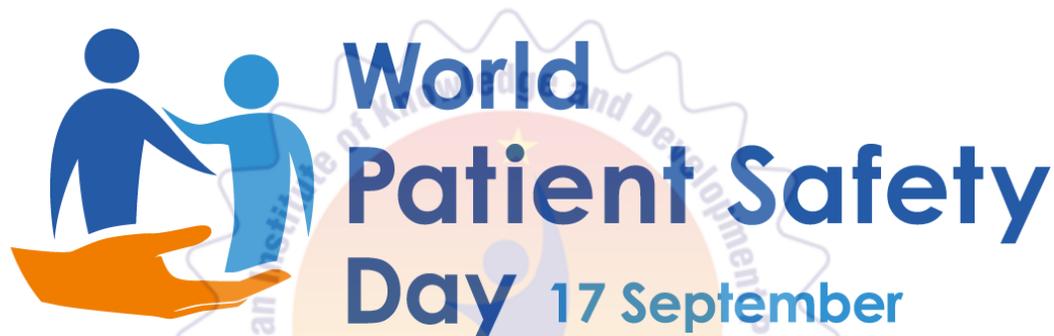
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BANKING / FINANCIAL / ECONOMICAL NEWS

No Major Updates

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Patient Safety Day: 17th September



- World Patient Safety Day is observed on September 17 to create a global awareness for patient safety and urge people to show their commitment to making healthcare safer. The Day brings together patients, families, caregivers, communities, health workers, health care leaders and policy-makers to show their commitment to patient safety. The theme for 2021 WPSD is ‘Safe maternal and newborn care’.
- History of the day:
- World Patient Safety Day – established by the World Health Assembly in 2019 through resolution WHA72.6 on “Global action on patient safety” is observed annually on 17 September. It was adopted at the 72nd World Health Assembly on 25 May 2019.

SPORTS

No Major Updates

APPOINTMENTS AND RETIREMENTS

No Major Updates

AWARDS AND HONOURS

No Major Updates

NATIONAL

1. Cabinet approves 100% FDI under automatic route in Telecom sector

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a number of structural and process reforms in the Telecom sector, to provide

relief to ailing telecom service providers, struggling with high levels of debt. A total of 9 structural and 5 process reforms have been approved by the Union Cabinet.

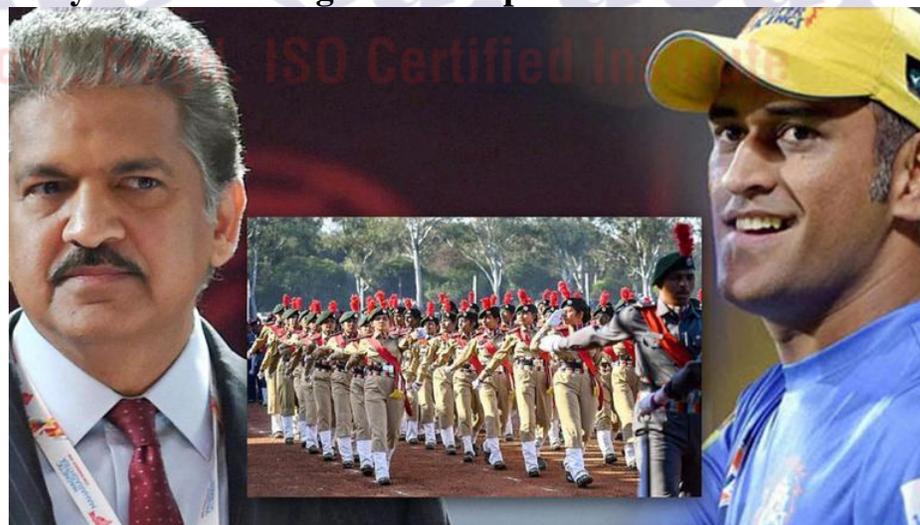
- The relief package is expected to protect and generate employment opportunities, promote healthy competition, protect the interests of consumers, infuse liquidity, encourage investment and reduce the regulatory burden on Telecom Service Providers (TSPs).
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- **Some major reforms announced are as follows:**
- **Change in the definition of AGR:** The definition of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) has been changed and now all non-telecom revenue will be removed from AGR.
- **Rationalised Spectrum Usage Charges:** The monthly compounding of interest on spectrum usage charges is replaced by annual compounding and the interest rate will come down, based on the formula MCLR + 2%. Penalty on payment of licence fees, spectrum user charges and all kinds of charges have been completely scrapped.
- **Four-year Moratorium on dues:** Moratorium has been announced on statutory dues of the telecom sector for four years. It will be applicable from October 1, 2021
- **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI):** The government has increased the FDI in the Telecom sector under the automatic route from 49% to 100%.
- **Auction calendar fixed:** Spectrum auctions will henceforth be held in the last quarter of every financial year.

INTERNATIONAL

No Major Updates

DEFENCE

1. Defence Ministry constitutes High Level Expert Committee to review NCC



- The Ministry of Defence has constituted a High-Level Expert Committee, for a comprehensive review of the National Cadet Corps (NCC). Former Member of Parliament (MP) Baijayant Panda will be the Chairperson of

the Committee. The 15-member committee will also include Cricketer MS Dhoni and Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra as members.

- **Terms of Reference of the Committee:**
- Suggest measures to empower NCC cadets to contribute more effectively towards nation building
- Propose ways for gainful engagement of NCC Alumni for the betterment of the organisation
- Recommend best practices of similar international youth organisations for inclusion in the NCC curriculum.
- **About the NCC:**
- The NCC is the largest uniformed organisation that aims at developing character, discipline, a secular outlook and ideals of selfless service amongst young citizens. It also aims to create a pool of organised, trained and motivated youth with leadership qualities in all walks of life.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

No Major Updates

OBITUARIES

1. Eminent Kashmiri Writer Aziz Hajini passes



- Noted writer and former secretary of Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages Aziz Hajini passed away. Hajini, born as Abdul Aziz Parray in north Kashmir's Bandipora, was appointed Secretary J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages in 2015. He has over twenty books in Kashmiri to his credit including poetry and criticism.
- Hajini won the Sahitya Akademi Award (criticism) in 2016 for his book 'Aane Khane' written in Kashmiri. He has also won the Sahitya Akademi Translation Award in 2013 for Za Gaz Zameen, Kashmiri translation of Abdul Samad's Urdu novel Do Gaz Zameen.

MISCELLANEOUS

No major Upadets