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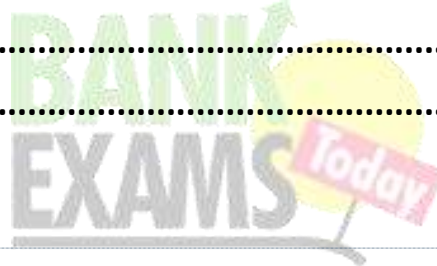
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Kala Ghoda Festival

- The festival began in the year **1999** and thereafter was born as the **biggest street art festival** of India.
- **Kala Ghoda Association organises the festival**, was formed on 30th October 1998 with the object of maintaining and preserving the heritage and art district of South Mumbai.

International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy

- The International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy is presented to **Dr N.S. Dharmashaktu and the Leprosy Mission Trust**.

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- The award has been instituted by **Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation**, a pioneering organisation established in **1986**.

GulFood 2020

- The **25th Edition of the GulFood 2020**, Dubai is being held from **16th to 20th February 2020**.
- For India, GulFood 2020 will help in facilitating **tie ups between foreign investors** and accelerate the pace of export of food products from **India to the western market**.

Sri Lanka's Withdrawal from Co-Sponsorship of UNHRC Resolution 30/1

- The **UNHRC resolution 30/1** calls for **addressing war crimes and reconciliation efforts with minorities**.
- The statement came after the U.S. imposed travel restrictions on **Army chief Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva** and his immediate family members.

NATIONAL NEWS

34th Surajkund International Crafts Mela

- The Surajkund Mela showcases the richness and diversity of the handicrafts, handlooms and cultural fabric of India & is **the largest crafts fair in the world**.
- The Mela is organized by the **Surajkund Mela Authority & Haryana Tourism** in collaboration with **Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture and External Affairs**.

5 IITs Given Status of Institution of National Importance

- The cabinet chaired by PM Modi has approved the introduction of the **Indian Institutes of Information Technology Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020**.
- The bill will declare the **remaining five IITs** along with the **existing 15 IITs in PPP mode** as Institutions of National Importance with **powers to award degrees**.

31st Veer Savarkar Akhil Bharatiya Samudra Taran Spardha

- The Veer Savarkar Akhil Bharatiya Samudra Taran Spardha also called as **Veer Savarkar All India Sea Swimming Competition** was held in the **Arabian Sea off Gir Somnath coast of Gujarat**.
- **Monika Nagpure and Rutvik Bhajiwala** both belong to Surat, Gujarat.

SC stays HC Order Directing Sale of HDIL Assets

- A bench comprising of **Chief Justice S A Bobe and Justices B R Gavai and Surya Kant** gave stay order, on the appeal of RBI against the Bombay High Court order.
- The Bombay High Court had set up a **three-member committee** for valuating and sale of encumbered assets of HDIL to expeditiously recover dues payable by the firm to PMC Bank.

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Elevated Light Rail System

- The **Light Rail Transit System (LRTS)** in Jammu will have **one corridor (from Bantalab to Bari Brahmana)** with a total length of 23 kilometres.
- The **LRTS in Srinagar** will have **two corridors** (one from Indira Nagar to HMT Junction and the second from Usmanabad to Hazuri Bagh) with a total length of 25 kilometres.

First Heli Service in Uttarakhand Launched

- The **Sahastradhara-Gauchar-Chinyalisaur route** has been awarded by the MoCA to Heritage Aviation under the **UDAN 2 bidding process**.
- The helicopter services will be operated by the **Heritage Aviation** from Sahastradhara to Gauchar and Chinyalisaur **twice daily**.

PISA 2021

- PISA is a **triennial international survey** (every three years) which aims to **evaluate the education system worldwide** by testing the skills and knowledge of **15-year-old students**.
- The PISA Programme was launched in **1997** by the **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**.

Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management

- **National Institute of Financial Management (NIFM), Faridabad** was set up in **1993** as a registered society under the **Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance**.
- The NIFM was instituted with the mandate to **train officers of various Finance and Accounts Services** recruited by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and also officers of Indian Cost Accounts Service (ICoAS).

CCI approved Mahindra, Ford Motor Joint Venture

- The combination envisaged the **formation of Ardour Automotive Private Limited**, a joint venture between **Mahindra and Mahindra Limited (M&M)** and **Ford Motor Company (FMC)**.
- The CCI approved the venture with the transfer of the **automotive business (except powertrain business at Sanand)** of Ford India Private Limited (**FIPL**) to the joint venture.

Financial Inclusion Outreach Campaign

- The Financial Inclusion Outreach Campaign is launched with a **special focus on extending banking services to all un-banked areas** of the Union Territory (UT).
- It focuses on the broader **economic agenda** of allowing a wider range of people, access to financial services, adding to overall economic growth.

National Workshop on e-office

- **CPGRAMS is the web technology platform**, primarily aims to enable submission of grievances by the aggrieved citizens from anywhere and anytime (**24x7**) **basis** to Ministries/Departments/Organisations.

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- The CPGRAMS provides the facility to lodge a grievance **online from any geographical location**.

Kashi Mahakal Express

- **Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** it will launch its **first overnight journey by a private train in the country** named Kashi Mahakal Express.
- The train will be inaugurated on 16th February 2020 and will begin its regular service from **20th February 2020**.

Govt. Announced Rs 540 Cr for Stalled Housing Projects

- The investment will **benefit 1,800 homebuyers** and will unlock Rs 3000 Crore of invested capital.
- The Central government **announced a Rs 25,000 crore fund in November 2019**, to help complete over **1,500 stalled housing projects**.

WPI Inflation: 10 Month High at 3.1%

- Inflation in the **vegetable category** stood at 52.72%, while onion prices raised to 293 %, followed by potato at 87.84%.
- The **WPI based inflation was at 2.59% in December 2019, and 2.76% in January 2019**.

Moody's Forecast on India's GDP

- The agency has forecasted global GDP growth down, and expect **G-20 economies to collectively grow 2.4% in 2020**, a softer rate than last year, followed by a pickup to **2.8% in 2021**.
- It reduced the growth forecast for **China to 5.2% in 2020 and a 5.7% growth in 2021**.

CCI Approved 100% Shareholding of WABCO by ZF

- **ZF is a global technology company** and develops, manufactures and distributes products and systems for i) passenger vehicles ii) commercial vehicles iii) off-highway vehicles iv) industrial technology.
- **WABCO is a global supplier** of primarily pneumatic braking control systems, technologies and services.

Finance Commission: Expert Group on Agriculture Exports

- The **15th Finance Commission** has decided to constitute a **High Level Expert Group on Agriculture Exports** on 17th Feb 2020.
- The Committee will submit its recommendations **within three months** for further consideration of the Commission.

India/Bharat 2020

- **Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar**, unveiled the **Annual Reference India/Bharat 2020** on 19th Feb 2020 in **New Delhi**.
- The minister also released the **e-version of the book** Annual Reference India / Bharat 2020 on the occasion.

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2nd Phase of Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen

- The 2nd Phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission, Grameen has been **approved till 2024-25** and will focus on **Open Defecation Free Plus (ODF Plus)**.
- The ODF plus includes **ODF sustainability and Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM)**.

22nd Law Commission of India

- The 22nd Law Commission will function for a period of **three years** from its date of official constitution.
- Law Commission of India is a **non-statutory body** constituted by the Government from **time to time**.

Gold Deposits of over 3,000 Tonnes Discovered

- The deposit contains almost **five times India's current reserve** of the yellow metal and estimated to be worth **nearly Rs 12 lakh crore**.
- The deposits in **Son Pahadi** is estimated to be around **2,943.26 tonnes**, while that at **Hardi block** is around **646.16 kilograms**.

Bharti Infratel Merger with Indus Towers Approved

- The merger is approved between **Sunil Mittal-led Bharti Infratel Ltd** and **Indus Towers Ltd**, allowing **Vodafone Idea Ltd** to raise funds by divesting its stake in the latter.
- The combination of Bharti Infratel and Indus Towers will create a **pan-India tower company** with over 163,000 towers, operating across all 22 telecom service areas.

CCI approved GMR Infra to Partner with Groupe ADP

- GIL has signed a share purchase agreement with Groupe ADP, which will hold **49% stake in GAL for an equity consideration of Rs 10,780 crore**.
- The equity consideration comprises **Rs 9,780 crore of secondary sale of shares by GMR** and **Rs 1,000 crore worth of equity infusion in GAL**.

MP Launched Unified Vehicle Registration Card

- The state is also the **second state in the country** to launch the **unified driving license after Uttar Pradesh**.
- In March 2019, the **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)** had issued the guidelines to bring **uniformity in driving licenses and vehicle registration cards** across the country.

Vasantotsav

- The Eight days cultural fair is being organised by the **Department of Youth and Cultural Affairs**, to **celebrate the richly diverse heritage of the country**.
- The **theme** of the festival for the year 2020 is **"Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat"**.

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Sugar Output Estimate for 2019-20

- The ISMA has released the **second advance estimate** which is based on the **satellite images of both harvested and yet-to-be-harvested cane area**.
- In the marketing year of **2018-2019**, the production was at **33.16 million tonnes**.

GDP Growth in Q3 2019-20

- The GDP growth is **improved marginally by 0.2%** as compared to growth in the second quarter of 2019-20 at 4.5%.
- The GDP growth rate for the **first quarter of 2019-20 has been revised to 5.6%**, and for the **second quarter to 5.1%**.

BANKING

RBI Increased Insurance Cover on Bank Deposits

- The **Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India provides the insurance coverage to the depositors.
- The DICGC has raised the limit of insurance cover for depositors in insured banks to **provide a greater measure of protection to depositors in banks** and boost the confidence of people in the banking system.

Union Cabinet Approved Amendment to Bring Co-op Banks under RBI

- The government approved amendments to the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949** to ensure greater **accountability and transparency in the functioning of Cooperative Banks**.
- According to the data released by RBI, Urban cooperative banks (UCBs) reported nearly **1,000 cases of fraud worth more than Rs 220 crore in the last five fiscals**.

RBI: Status Quo on Repo Rate at 5.15%

- RBI has maintained a status quo on the policy rate with **repo rate remains unchanged at 5.15% under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF)** and is not expected to cut interest rates before June 2020.
- These decisions are in consonance with the objective of achieving the medium-term target for consumer price index (CPI) **inflation of 4 % within a band of plus or minus 2%**.

FM Statement on Bad Loans of PSBs

- **Finance Minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman** said public sector banks' (PSBs) bad loans came down to **Rs 7.27 lakh crore at the end of September 2019**.
- The statement was given in the **written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha** on 10th February 2020.

RBI: Lending from CRR Buffer to get 5-year Relief

- The incremental loans disbursed under this facility will have **CRR exemption for the next five years**.

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- This means that **banks will not be needed to make additional cash reserve ratio** against any incremental loans disbursed to the targeted segments.

RBI Report on Bank Loans

- It also showed that the **deposits increased to 9.9%**.
- In the fortnight to January 31, the **outstanding loans rose Rs 989.26 billion** (\$13.86 billion) to **Rs 101.03 trillion**.

FinMin Addressed the Central Board of Directors of RBI

- The FinMin outlined the **thinking behind the Union Budget 2020-21** and the **focus areas of the Government** in the meeting.
- The finance minister was accompanied by **Minister of State for Finance Anurag Singh Thakur**, Finance Secretary **Rajiv Kumar** and Expenditure Secretary **T V Somanathan**, and **Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian**, Chief Economic Advisor.

Bajaj Finance Replaced SBI on BSE

- **The SBI stock has fallen nearly 4%** in the last two sessions following concerns over its **asset quality** in Vodafone Idea and Bharti Airtel's in AGR case.
- Currently, **Reliance Industries Ltd is the country's most valued company** with a market cap of **Rs 9.48 trillion**.

SEBI Permitted Use of Regulatory Sandbox

- The 'regulatory sandbox' will serve as a **testing ground for new business models and technologies** that benefit investors, Indian markets and the economy at large.
- Under the regulatory framework, the eligible entities will be granted the facility to experiment with **fintech solutions in a live environment and on real customers**.

Centre Released Rs 19,950 Cr GST Compensation to States/UTs

- As per Ministry of Finance, total GST compensation cess of **Rs 62,611 crore was collected in the FY 2017-18**, out of which **Rs 41,146 crore was released to the states/UTs** that fiscal as GST compensation.
- In **FY 2018-19**, **Rs 95,081 crore was collected as GST compensation cess** of which **Rs 69,275 crore was released to the states/UTs as GST compensation**.

Uniform GST rate of 28% on Lotteries

- According to the notification, the **GST rate on supply of lotteries has been amended to 14%** and a **similar percentage will be levied by the states**. As a result, the **total GST on lotteries will increase to 28%**.
- Currently, a **state-run lottery attracts 12% GST**, while a **state-authorized lottery attracts 28% tax**.

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RBI Issued Norms for CRR

- The clarification is given on CRR calculations for **incremental credit extended for automobiles, residential housing and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)**.
- RBI clarified that the **incremental credit eligible for CRR exemption**, which can be set off against the net demand and time liabilities (**NDTL**) for calculating CRR has to be **net of repayments**.

Indian Bank to Stop Using Rs 2,000 Notes in ATMs

- **State-owned Indian Bank** has announced that it has decided to **stop using Rs 2,000 notes in all their ATMs**.
- According to a circular issued by the lender's digital banking division on **17th February 2020**, cash dispensation from Rs 2,000 currency cassettes would be disabled at all ATMs and cash recyclers on **March 1, 2020**.

Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020

- The objective of the CARO 2020 is to strengthen the **corporate governance framework under the Companies Act, 2013** to attain the national objective of becoming a \$ 5 Trillion economy.
- The CARO, 2020 is applicable for an **audit of financial statements of eligible companies for the financial years commencing on or after the 1st April 2019**.

INDEX AND RANKING

Ease of Living Index and Municipal Performance Index 2019

- The two assessment frameworks launched help **assess the progress made in cities** through various initiatives and empower them to use evidence to plan, implement & monitor their performance.
- The indices are designed to **assess quality of life of citizens in 100 Smart Cities and 14 other Million Plus Cities**.

Sustainability & Child Flourishing Index Ranking

- The UN report is released by a commission of over **40 child and adolescent health experts from around the world** and focused on measuring the **best chance of survival and well-being of children**.
- It was commissioned by the **World Health Organization (WHO), UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and The Lancet medical journal**.

APPOINTMENTS

Name of the Person	Designation
M. Ajit Kumar	Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)
Lieutenant General YK Joshi	General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Northern

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	Command
Anjani Rathore	Chief Digital Officer of HDFC Bank
Rajiv Bansal	Chairman and Managing Director of Air India
Debashis Panda	Secretary, Department of Financial Services
Alok Sharma	United Kingdom New Business Minister
Rishi Sunak	UK's Finance Minister
Priti Patel	Home Minister in the British Cabinet
Mahant Nritya Gopal Das	President of Ram Mandir Trust
Lt General (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain, Rajendra Singh and Krishna Vatsa	National Disaster Management Authority
Sunil Gurbaxani	Managing Director and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank
Riek Machar	First Vice President of South Sudan
Sumant Kathpalia	Chief Executive of IndusInd Bank
Senior IPS officer S N Shrivastava	Next Delhi Police Commissioner

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Award	Awardee
Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana	Madhya Pradesh
First Men's section Khelo India Ice Hockey tournament 2020	Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre (LSRC) Red
2019 FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year	Lalremsiami
SERB Women Excellence Award-2020	Dr Niti Kumar
34th Cannes Open	D Gukesh

IMPORTANT DAY

Date	Day	Theme
1 st February 2020	Foundation Day of the Indian Coast Guard	--
4 th February 2020	World Cancer Day	Theme: "I Am and I Will".
10 th February 2020	National Deworming Day	Children and adolescents in the age group of 1 to 19 years are being administered a single dose of a safe medicine Albendazole in all states and Union Territories.
11 th February 2020	World Unani Day	To mark the birth anniversary of great Unani scholar and social reformer Hakim Ajmal Khan.
13 th February 2020	World Radio Day	Theme: "Radio and Diversity".
19 th February 2020	Soil Health Card Day	To commemorates the day Soil

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		Health Card Scheme (SHC) was launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on February 19, 2015, at Suratgarh, Rajasthan.
20 th February 2020	Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram Statehood Day	On this day in 1987 and Mizoram has declared a state in 1972.
20 th February 2020	70th National Democracy Day	Every year, Falgun 7 of the Nepali calendar is commemorated as the National Democracy Day in Nepal.
21 st February 2020	Matiribhasha Diwas	Theme: 'Celebrating our Multilingual Heritage'
28 th February 2020	National Science Day	Theme: "WOMEN IN SCIENCE"

MOUS SIGNED

India and Maldives Signed 5 MoUs

- The Addu Tourism zone will be established in **five islands of Addu** atoll at a cost of **2.49 million dollars**.
- The MOUs were signed between the **High Commissioner of India Sunjay Sudhir**, Minister of Foreign Affairs **Abdulla Shahid** and **Addu City Council**.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Portal Santusht

- The **objective of 'Santusht'** is to promote **transparency, accountability, effective delivery of public services** and implementation of policies, schemes of Ministry of Labour and Employment through constant monitoring.
- The **portal 'Santusht'** ensures speedy redressal of worker as well as employer grievances and ensuring effective implementation of labour laws at the grassroots level.

CCEA Approves Scheme for Formation and Promotion of FPOs

- The central sector scheme "Formation and Promotion of FPOs" shall **promote 10,000 new FPOs in five years period from 2019-20 to 2023-24**.
- The scheme will have a **total budgetary provision of Rs. 4496.00 crore for the five year period (2019-20 to 2023-24)**.

Govt Approved Changes in PMFBY

- The cabinet has also approved the **Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS)**.
- The changes allow making it **optional for farmers** with a view to plug loopholes in the farm insurance scheme.

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PM-KISAN Scheme Completed 1 Year

- The central government has said that a total of **Rs 50,850 crore** has been disbursed to farmers so far **under the PM-KISAN scheme**.
- The PM-KISAN scheme was formally launched on **24th February 2019** by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at **Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh**.

Market Intelligence and Early Warning System

- A new Scheme "**Operation Greens**" was announced on the line of "Operation Flood", in the **budget speech of Union Budget 2018-19**, with an outlay of **Rs.500 crores**.
- Accordingly, the Ministry has formulated a scheme for **integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) value chain**.

Govt Sanctioned 32 Projects under PMKSY

- The 32 projects sanctioned will be spread over **17 states** and will leverage an investment of **Rs 406 crore**.
- **The Ministry of Food Processing Industries** is implementing the **PMKSY scheme** for a period from **2016-20** with a **total outlay of Rs 6,000 crore**.

Amnesty Scheme for Power Consumers in J&K

- The amnesty scheme for the power consumers was approved by the **Administrative Council headed by the Lieutenant Governor G.C. Murmu**.
- The scheme will come into effect from **March 1, 2020**.

DEFENCE

Exercise SAMPRITI-IX

- The defence cooperation exercise **SAMPRITI 2020** will be the **ninth edition** of the exercise which is **hosted alternately by both countries**.
- During SAMPRITI-IX a **Command Post Exercise (CPX)** and a **Field Training Exercise (FTX)** will be conducted.

11th Edition of DefExpo 2020

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the **biennial mega defence exhibition** which will cover the entire spectrum of the **country's aerospace, defence and security interests**.
- The **theme** of the DefExpo 2020 is '**India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub**'.

BARC's Bhabha Kavach

- **Bhabha Kavach** developed by **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**, is an import substitute and a '**Make in India**' product.

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- The kavach is the **lightest level III plus bullet proof jacket** (6.8 kgs nominal weight) available in India.

President's Colour to INS Shivaji

- **INS Shivaji** was established in **1945** as one of the premier **training establishments of Indian Navy**.
- It imparted training to officers and sailors of the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and friendly foreign navies in the domains of **Marine Engineering, Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defence etc.**

Exercise AJEYA WARRIOR 2020

- The **aim of the exercise** is to conduct training of troops in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorist operations in both Urban and Semi-Urban areas.
- The **focus of the exercise** will be on the joint operation by soldiers on the conduct of counter-terrorist operations.

Diamond Jubilee of IAF Black Archer (47 Squadron)

- Aerial display by the **Surya Kiran Aerobatics Team**, IAF vintage Flight, Air Devils and performance by the Air Warriors Drill Team were held on the Occasion of **completion of 60 years of its service to the nation**.
- The Squadron was formed on **18 December 1959 at Air Force Station Halwara**.

EX Indradhanush - V 2020

- The focus of this edition Ex Indradhanush is '**Base Defence and Force Protection**', considering the recent threats to military establishments from terror elements.
- The **RAF team** comprised of 36 specialised combatants of the RAF Regiment while the **IAF will** comprise of 42 combatants of the GARUD Force.

Offshore Patrol Vessel-6 "VAJRA"

- The **Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV)** is built by **M/s Larsen and Toubro (L&T) Shipbuilding** and is the **sixth in the series of seven OPV projects** being built by L&T.
- **OPV-6** is the state of the art platform to enhance the capabilities of the Indian Coast Guard in terms of **Operation, Surveillance, Search & Rescue**.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

New Natural Gas Field Discovered in UAE

- The gas field contains **80 trillion standard cubic feet of gas** and is situated in the **cross-border area of the Emirates of Abu Dhabi and Dubai**.
- Government of Dubai stated that the **discovery of the Jebel Ali gas field** will contribute to achieving gas **self-sufficiency for the nation**.

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SATHI Initiative

- SATHI is a shared, professionally managed, Science and Technology infrastructure facility, which can readily be accessible to **academia, start-ups, manufacturing units, industries and R&D Labs.**
- The **primary objective** of the science and technology infrastructure facility will be to extend help to the academic institutes, industries, manufacturing units etc. **in the neighbouring regions.**

PMI Shot Up Eight Year High

- Manufacturing sector growth in India continued to strengthen in January, with operating conditions improving at a pace **not seen in close to eight years.**
- As per the **HIS Markit, India Services Business Index** rose to 55.5 in January 2020 from 53.3 in December 2019 for **Service sector** making services activity hit seven years high in January.

Christina Koch is Set to Return to Earth

- Christina Koch has shattered the **spaceflight record for female astronauts** by spending almost a year aboard the **International Space Station (ISS).**
- Koch has spent 328 days on ISS, surpassing the previous record held by fellow **American Peggy Whitson.**

13th COP of Convention Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

- The CMS COP 13 will be held from **15 to 22 February 2020** with the **theme "Migratory species connect the planet and we welcome them home."**
- The CMS COP 13 logo is inspired by 'Kolam', a **traditional artform from southern India.**

DoT Launched 5G Hackathon

- The Hackathon will be **spread across three phases** and the winners of the various phases will share a **total prize pool of Rs 2.5 crore.**
- It is open to **start-ups, SMEs, academic institutions, developers, students, and registered companies in India and NRIs.**

SPICE+ Web Form

- The **Ministry of Corporate Affairs** has launched the web forum '**SPICE+**' (pronounced 'SPICE Plus') replacing the **existing SPICE form.**
- It will help in saving as many procedures, time and cost for Starting a Business in India and would be **applicable for all new company incorporations.**

ISRO to Launch GISAT-1 on 5th March

- The GISAT-1 will be launched from the Second Launch Pad of **Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota** through the **Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F10).**

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- GISAT-1 satellite weighing about 2275 kg, is a **state-of-the-art agile Earth observation satellite** which will be placed in a **Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit**.

National Technical Textiles Mission

- **Indian Technical Textiles** segment shares **approximately 6%** of the 250 Billion USD global technical textiles market which is **USD 16 Billion**.
- The **National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM)** has a **total outlay of Rs 1480 Crore** and would have a **four year implementation period from FY 2020-21 to 2023-24**.

SPORTS

India won 6 Gold at Golden Girl Championship

- The Golden Girl Box Cup is open for **all female boxers, all categories**.
- First time in **2009**, 70 of the best female boxers in **Europe came to fight for the title "GOLDEN GIRL"**.

High Performance Centres

- The High-Performance Centres in seven places will be launched to provide **state-of-the-art facilities to Junior and Sub-Junior players** and also **international exposure**.
- The move is aimed at grooming young talent in view of **2024 and 2028 Olympic Games**.

64th Bocskai Memorial Boxing Tournament

- **Gaurav Chauhan**, the South Asian Games gold medallist went down fighting against Kazakhstan's Aibek Oralbay in the final in **91kg**.
- Former youth world champion **Jyoti Gulia** in **51kg category** claimed the silver after she lost bout 2-3 to Russia's Soluianova Svetlana in the final.

Manpreet Singh: Player of the Year 2019

- Manpreet Singh is the **first Indian to win the accolade** since the awards were introduced in **1999**.
- **Belgium's Arthur van Dorren** and **Lucas Villa of Argentina** came second and third respectively in the ranking.

Amit Panghal: Ranked No 1 for Olympic Qualifiers

- The 24-year-old Panghal has become the **first Indian pugilist in over a decade** to achieve the global top position in the category.
- The list was released by the **International Olympic Committee's Boxing Task Force** ahead of next month's Olympic Qualifiers.

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2020 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships

- **K V L Pavani Kumari** won **silver** medals in both **youth girls and junior women section** in the **45-kilogram category**.
- **Sidhanta Gogoi** claimed **silver** in **youth boys and junior men** events in the **61-kilogram category**.

Asian Wrestling Championships

- **Ashu, Aditya Kundu and Hardeep** have won a **bronze medal** each in their respective weight categories.
- Ashu won a bronze in **67kg category**, Aditya and Hardeep also bagged the medals of the same colour in the **72kg and 97kg** respectively.

Ross Taylor: 1st to Play 100 Matches in All Three Formats

- He made history by taking the **field against India in the opening Test** as the ongoing match at the **Basin Reserve is his 100th Test**.
- He played his **100th T20 International against India** in January 2020 and has also played **231 ODIs for New Zealand**.

SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

INCCU Meet with UNESCO

- The meet emphasised on measures to promote UNESCO's ideals and objectives in the fields of **education, culture, communication, natural sciences and social and human sciences**.
- In the culture sector, UNESCO's programmes **aim** to promote, preserve and safeguard cultural heritage and spread respect for all cultures.

World Expo-2020: Dubai

- **Expo 2020 Dubai is a World Expo** that's going to be **hosted by Dubai in the United Arab Emirates** and is scheduled to open on **20th October 2020**.
- The **World Expo** provides a platform where people from all over the world come together and connect with each other, share ideas, learn and innovate.

4th EAS Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation

- **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)**, Government of India in partnership with **Government of Australia and Indonesia** will organise the 4th EAS Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation from **6-7th Feb 2020 in Chennai**.
- **Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)** and **The National Maritime Foundation (NMF)** are the **knowledge partners** of the conference.

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1st India-Africa Defence Ministers Conclave

- The conclave was **co-organised by the Ministry of Defence** and was the **first in the series of Pan Africa events at the Ministerial level**.
- A **Joint Declaration - "Lucknow Declaration"**, was adopted after the conclusion of IADMC 2020.

India International Seafood Show (IISS) 2020

- The **Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)**, under the Ministry of Commerce, is organising the event in association with the **Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI)**.
- The **theme** of this year's seafood show is **"Blue Revolution- Beyond Production to Value Addition"**.

23rd Edition of National Conference on e-Governance

- The two-day conference on e-governance has been organized by the **Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievance (DARPG)**, and **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)** in association with Department of Information & Technology, **Government of Maharashtra (for the year 2020)**.
- The 2020 conference focused on encouraging and improving the delivery of public services by **promoting the use of digital platforms**.

5th Dhaka Art Summit

- The biennial art extravaganza of Bangladesh showcases varied art-forms including live **performance, photography and painting**.
- The festival will continue **till 15th Feb 2020** and more than 500 artists, sculptors, architects and art professionals from various countries will participate in the Summit.

Global Business Summit

- GBS 2020's broad **theme is 'Collaborate to Create: Sustainable Growth in a Fractured World'**.
- The GBS is a **flagship initiative of the Times Group**, was **launched on January 15, 2015** and seeks to provide solutions to key macroeconomic challenges being faced in the current context.

National Water Conference

- The **National Water Conference** is being held in order to solve water crisis and make the state a water-rich state.
- Madhya Pradesh Government has announced to implement the Water Rights Act in the state and will be the **first state in the country where this law will be implemented**.

Conference on Combating Drug Trafficking

- The conference is being held in pursuance of the commitment of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi during the **4th BIMSTEC summit held at Kathmandu in 2018**.

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- **BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation)** is a regional organization of countries lying in the littoral and adjacent areas of the Bay of Bengal.

FATF Meet in Paris

- The plenary session of the FATF will **review progress** made by Pakistan towards terror financing and some other countries that present a risk to the financial system.
- India will stand on its demand to cut finances to terrorist groups, seeking action against Jaish-e-Mohammed chief **Maulana Masood Azhar** and Lashkar-e-Taiba leader Zaki-ur-**Rehman Lakhvi**.

3rd High Level Global Conference on Road Safety

- A roadmap will be drawn for reaching the United Nation's goal set under the **UN Decade of Action of reducing road crashes by 2030**.
- The conference is being **organised by the Government of Sweden** in collaboration with the **World Bank, World Health Organisation** and other agencies.

National Organic Food Festival

- The aim of the **three-day** National Organic Food Festival at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium (from **21st – 23rd February 2020**), is to **strengthen the organic market** and **encourage women entrepreneurs engaged in the manufacturing of organic produce**.
- The **theme** of the Festival is **"Unleashing India's Organic Market Potential"**.

Sustainable Development Goals Conclave 2020

- The **SDG conclave 2020** is jointly organised by- The North Eastern Council, Assam government, Tata Trusts, United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**) and Research and Information System for Developing Countries (**RIS**).
- The Conclave will be attended by **all Chief Ministers of North Eastern states** along with academia, civil society and international development organizations.