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### NATIONAL NEWS

#### Prime Minister of India Inaugurates CMS COP 13.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **13th Conference of Parties(COP) on Conservation of Migratory Species(CMS) of Wild Animals** via video conferencing.
- The conference was held at **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- CMS COP 13 Logo is inspired by the traditional '**KOLAM**' from southern India.
- The theme of the CMS COP 13: "**Migratory species connect the planet and together we welcome them home.**"

#### Election Commission of India gets 'silver' award from DARPG.

- **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)**, Government of India has awarded 'silver' to the election commission of India.
- The award was presented during the **23rd National Conference on e-Governance**, for its excellence in Government Process re-engineering for digital transformation.
- The award was given to **Dr. Sandeep Saxena**, Senior Deputy Election Commissioner.

#### National Conference on PMFBY was held in Udaipur.

- The **4th National Conference** on the Implementation of **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)**, started in **Udaipur, Rajasthan**.
- The Secretary of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare **Sanjay Agarwal** inaugurated the two-long day conference.

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- The Government of India has signed a **loan agreement of \$450 million** with the world bank towards supporting a national project on strengthening the nations groundwater institutions.
- **Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY) - National Groundwater Management Improvement Programme** to be implemented in various states of the country.
- The states are as follows **Gujarat, Maharashtra, Haryana, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh**.
- The loan agreement was signed by Shri **Sameer Kumar Khare**, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, on behalf of the Government of India.

### **High Level Global Conference on Road Safety in Stockholm.**

- The **3rd High Level Global Conference** on Road Safety for Achieving Global Goals 2030 is to be held at **Stockholm**.
- **Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs Nitin Gadkari** is to represent India at the two-day conference in Stockholm.
- The main focus of the conference is to bring road safety on the global directory.

### **Indonesia elected as chairperson of IFAD Governing Council.**

- **The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)** has unanimously elected Indonesia as the chairperson of Governing Council for the period **2020-2022**.
- It was elected at the **43rd Session of the Steering Council** which was held in Italy.
- The steering committee of IFAD is the highest decision maker in the structure.

### **South central railway zone becomes first in India to have energy-neutral stations.**

- The South Central Railways has converted a total of **13 railway stations** into “**energy neutral**” stations.
- The concept of the energy neutral stations is based on the principle of developing railway stations and buildings with total solar power in order to meet the complete energy requirements.

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### **China and ASEAN to hold special foreign ministers' summit.**

- China and the **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** is to hold a special foreign ministers' summit in **Laos**.
- To discuss on the current global emergency on COVID-19.

### **India becomes world's 5th largest economy.**

- India has emerged as the **5<sup>th</sup> largest economy** in the world said in the report of a **US based think tank World Population Review**.
- India gains the 5<sup>th</sup> spot with a **GDP of ₹2.94 trillion**, leaving UK and France behind it.

## **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

### **Moody's Investors Service cuts India's GDP forecast.**

- Moody's Investors Service, an American credit rating agency cuts India's **GDP growth**

**forecast to 5.4 per cent (2020) from 6.6 per cent.**

- On its Global Macro Outlook, Moody's predicted that India's economy has been slowed down in the recent years and it needs to boost its economic recovery plans.

### **SEBI splits Advisory and Distribution Services.**

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) approved the proposal of segregating the advisory and distribution services to strengthen its regulatory framework.
- Another decision taken by Sebi was approving the regulatory sandbox framework.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Senior National Squash: Ghosal, Joshna Chinappa win men's, women's titles.**

- India's squash ace **Joshna Chinappa** has bagged the 77th Senior National Championship in woman's category at the ISA courts in Chennai.
- **Saurav Ghosal** won in Men's category bagging his 13th title in his career.

### **Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships 2020.**

- India has won **five silver and six bronze medals** in the 2020 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- In 45-kilogram category, **K V L Pavani Kumari** won silver.
- **Sidhanta Gogoi** clinches silver in youth boys and junior men events in 61-kilogram category.

### **Koneru Humpy Wins Cairns Cup Chess Tournament.**

- World Champion **Koneru Humpy** won her Cairns Cup Chess Tournament **at St Louis in USA.**
- Humpy was given the world champion title in **December 2019.**

### **India to host junior men's Hockey World Cup 2020.**

- The International Hockey Federation (FIH) announced that India will host the next years Junior Men's Hockey World Cup.
- Earlier the event was hosted by Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh in 2016. Now it is the second time that India is hosting the Hockey World Cup.



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