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- Centre launches School Health and Wellness Ambassador Initiative under Ayushman Bharat; 2 teachers in every govt. school will be identified as 'health and wellness ambassadors'
- BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise held at the Ramachandi Beach,
   Puri (Odisha)
- Vietnam's national media group VOV (Voice of Vietnam) opens its first
   Indian bureau in Delhi
- Maharashtra govt. employees to have 5-day work week from Feb 29;
   current daily work hours by 45 minutes
- Singing national anthem made compulsory in Maharashtra colleges from
   Feb 19
- Maharashtra govt. to make teaching Marathi mandatory in all schools in the state up to Class 10 irrespective of the board
- Fashion designer Wendell Rodricks dies in Goa at 59; won Padma Shri in
   2014
- Factory output, as measured in terms of the Index of Industrial
   Production (IIP), contracts by 0.3% in December
- Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based retail inflation rises to 68-month high of 7.59% in January 2020
- Govt. to widen scope of 'Direct Tax Vivad se Vishwas Bill, 2020' to also cover cases pending in DRTs (debt recovery tribunals)
- Cabinet approves Rs 2,500-crore capital infusion into three public sector general insurance companies — Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL), National Insurance Company Limited (NICL) and United India Insurance Company Limited (UIICL)
- Atul Kumar Gupta elected President of Institute of Chartered
   Accountants of India (ICAI) for 2020-21

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- Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) bans e-cigarettes on all airports and aircraft in India
- Golden Jubilee celebrations of the National Institute of Bank
   Management (NIBM) in Pune held
- National Productivity Council, under Ministry of Commerce and Industry, observes Productivity Day: February 12, Productivity Week: February 12-18
- Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) lowers global growth forecast for 2020
   to 2.2%
- Pakistan: Mumbai attack mastermind and Jamat-ud-Dawa (JuD) chief
   Hafiz Saeed sentenced to 11 years in jail in terror financing cases
- Parliament of North Macedonia approves country's accession to NATO
- Indian Navy wins All India Bombay Gold Cup hockey championship
- Ajay Patel elected new president of All India Chess Federation (AICF)

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