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- PM inaugurates Conference of Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS COP 13) at Gandhinagar
- India will chair the presidency of (CMS COP 13) for three years starting February 17
- Secretary-General of Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, Martha Rojas Urrego visits India for (CMS COP 13)
- Mascot of CMS COP 13: 'GIBI – The Great' is based on the Great Indian Bustard
- Theme of CMS COP 13: 'Migratory species connect the planet and we welcome them home'.
- SC orders govt to grant permanent commission and command postings to women Army officers
- President visits Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu; inaugurates Jampore Sea Front Road and Ayushman Bharat Wellness Centre in Daman
- Election Commission awarded 'Silver' award for Excellence in Government Process re-engineering for digital transformation from DARPG (Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances)
- CEC Sunil Arora names EC Sushil Chandra as his nominee for the proposed Delimitation Commission for J&K
- Bird ringing station to come up in Bihar for observation, monitoring and research on migratory birds
- Haryana govt announces Rs 6 crore to those winning gold medals at Olympics
- Pakistan issues visas to Hindu pilgrims to visit Shree Katas Raj temples in Punjab province's Chakwal district

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- Delhi Police, Uber launch Himmat Plus app for safety of people travelling in cabs
- 4th National Conference on Review of Implementation of PMFBY (Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana) held in Udaipur on February 17-18
- RBI gets Rs 1.94 lakh cr bids for maiden Rs 25,000 crore LTROs (long-term reverse repo operation)
- World Bank to give \$450 million loan for Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY) – National Groundwater Management Improvement Programme
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on February 17, 2020 reviewed the performance of four Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) engaged in shipbuilding – Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE), Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), Mumbai-based Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) and Visakhapatnam-based Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)
- Fifteenth Finance Commission sets up High-Level Expert Group on Agriculture Exports with Sanjiv Puri (Chairman and Managing Director, ITC) as its Chairman
- CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs) starts capturing district-wise data or origin of export goods
- IRFC (Indian Railway Finance Corporation) lists USD 1 bn medium-term notes on BSE-owned India International Exchange (India INX)
- Moody's Investors Service cuts India's growth forecast to 5.4% for 2020 from 6.6% earlier in its update on Global Macro Outlook
- India's economy was fifth largest in the world in 2019 with a GDP of \$ 2.94 trillion: World Population Review (US)
- Suzuki Motorcycle India launches BS-VI compliant 125cc Burgman Street scooter priced at Rs 77,900

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- “3rd High Level Global Conference on Road Safety for Achieving Global Goals 2030” being held in Stockholm on February 19-20; Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs Nitin Gadkari representing India
- Storm Dennis wreaks havoc across UK, parts of France
- UAE issues reactor licence for Barakah nuclear power plant, the first in Arab world
- India’s Koneru Humpy wins Cairns Cup chess tournament in US
- “United by Emotion” unveiled as the motto of 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games
- Northern Ireland’s Henry Gregg, Best Goalkeeper at FIFA World Cup in Sweden in 1958, dies aged 87
- South African rugby legend Bryan Habana inducted into Laureus World Sports Academy