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## NATIONAL NEWS

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that ISRO is planning to launch a satellite called Aditya to study the sun.** The aim of the mission is to keep a permanent eye on the sun without any disturbance.
  - Aditya-L1 is meant to observe the solar corona. In his 'Mann ki Baat' programme of AIR, Mr Modi said, India is quite advanced in the field of astronomy and ISRO has taken path-breaking initiatives in this field.
  - **Related News**
    - ISRO Founder: Vikram Sarabhai
    - ISRO Director: Kailasavadivoo Sivan
- On 30th December 2019, the **Union Environment Forest and Climate Change Minister Prakash Javadekar** has released **State of Forests Report**, 2019. India State of Forest Report is released every two years and it provides comprehensive information about the forest cover, forest vegetation density, tree cover, progress of plantation outside the designated forests etc. for India as well as States.
  - **Related News**
    - The total forest cover of the country is 7,12,249 sq km which is 21.67% of the geographical area of the country.
    - The top five States in terms of increase in forest cover are Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Fausta, a female black rhino, who was believed to be the world's oldest**

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**rhino has died at the age of 57 in a Tanzanian conservation area.** Fausta died of natural causes in captivity in Ngorongoro Crater, which lies in Ngorongoro Conservation Area of Tanzania.

- Rhinos' life expectancy is around 40 years in wild but they can live an extra decade in captivity.
- **Related News**
  - Tanzania Capital: Dodoma
  - Tanzania Currency: Tanzanian shilling

## BANKING NEWS

- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has said that no **Merchant Discount Rate (MDR)** will be applicable on transactions through homegrown **RuPay and UPI** platforms beginning 1st of January next year. Ms Sitharaman announced this in New Delhi after meeting Chiefs of Public Sector Banks (PSBs), Chief executive of Indian Banks' Association and representatives of leading private sector banks to discuss banking issues.
  - **Related News**
    - The merchant discount rate is the rate charged to a merchant for payment processing services on debit and credit card transactions.


## ECONOMY

- **India will overtake Germany to become fourth-largest economy in the world by the year 2026.** According to a report by the UK-based Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR), India is all set to overtake Japan to become the third-largest economy by 2034.
  - The report titled 'World Economic League Table 2020' said that India is also set to become a 5 trillion dollar economy by 2026, 2 years later than the government's target of 2024.
  - **Related News**

- Germany Capital: Berlin
- Germany Currency: Euro

## WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Umbrage** - offence or annoyance.
  - Similar Words - bridle , be aggrieved
  - Antonyms - complacency, gratification.
- **Vagary** - an unexpected and inexplicable change in a situation or in someone's behavior.
  - Similar Words - quirk , peculiarity.
  - Antonyms - purpose, determination.

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