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## NATIONAL NEWS

- **External affairs ministry declared** the setting up of **new emerging and strategic technologies** (NEST) division.
  - The division will work to increase investment coordination among the states of the country and also with the foreign countries.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - NEST act as the nodal division within the ministry for issues about new and emerging technologies.
    - It will help in collaboration with foreign partners in the field of 5G and artificial intelligence.
- **Maharashtra Government launched** a **Cyber Safe Women initiative** under which awareness camps across all the districts of the state regarding cyber safety.
  - The action will help in educating women about how the web is used by anti-social elements and child predators to commit various types of crimes.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - Maharashtra Chief Minister: Uddhav Thackeray
    - Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari

## BANKING NEWS

- **Unified Payments Interface** (UPI) raised **1.3 billion** transactions in December at **National Payments Corp. of India** (NPCI).
  - These transactions were 7% higher than in October and 111% higher on a year-on-year basis, the data showed.
  - The transactions were worth ₹ 2.02 trillion in December compared to

₹ 1.89 trillion a month ago. Currently, 143 banks are live on UPI

○ **Related Keys:**

- UPI allows users to transfer money any time across multiple bank accounts without revealing details of one's bank account to the other party.

## SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

- **The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** set up a regional academic center for space at the **National Institute of Technology (NITK)** at Surathkal in Karnataka's southwest Dakshina Kannada district.
  - The center at NIT-K will conduct joint research and development in space technology applications to meet the needs of our space programs.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - NITK Former name: Karnataka Regional Engineering College
    - NITK Established : 1960

## SPORTS

- **India's young table tennis player Manav Thakkar has become the world's number one player in the under-21 category.**
  - In the latest rankings of International Table Tennis, Manav has jumped nine places to occupy the top position in the Men's Single category. Manav has become the first Indian player to achieve the number one chair in this category.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - Manav also reached number one in the under-18 category two years ago.
    - Manav was also a part of the bronze medal winning table tennis team at the Asian Games in 2018.

## WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Rigorous** : extremely thorough and careful
  - Similar Words : brutal , stringent , rugged , inflexible
  - Antonym : careless , easy , false
- **Foremost** : most prominent in rank, importance, or position
  - Similar Words : front , head , paramount , prime
  - Antonym : inferior , least , unimportant

  
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