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NATIONAL NEWS

- **India has moved six places** up to reach the **34th rank in the world Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index**. This index considers many elements of tourism including cultural resources, rich natural resource, price competitiveness and others.
 - India has moved up from 40th rank to 34th ranks and is now a part of the top 25% of the countries in the list.
 - **Related Keys**
 - The Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Report was first published in 2007 by the World Economic Forum.
 - The 2007 report covered 124 major and emerging economies.
- The **Indian Army will sign MoU with Russia to procure AK-203 assault rifles**. According to the deal, around 1 lakh rifles are to be received directly from Russia and the rest will be manufactured in India.
 - The rifles will be manufactured at Korwa in Uttar Pradesh by a joint Venture (JV) called Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL). Of the JV, 50.5% is to be owned by India and 49.5% by Russia.
 - **Related Keys**
 - The Indian Army Founded: 1 April 1895.
 - The Indian Army Headquarters: New Delhi.
- The **Marine Ecosystems-Challenges and Opportunities (MECOS)**, the **third international symposium** is to be held in **Kochi**. The symposium is conducted by the Marine Biological association of India between January 7, 2020 and January 10, 2020.
 - The symposium is to focus on the Sustainable Development Goal of the United Nations, SDG-14. SDG-14 says, “Conserve and Sustainably use the oceans and its resources for sustainable

development”.

- **Related Keys**
 - Previous MECOS2 brought together marine scientists, researchers and teachers from all over the world.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Neutral pronoun 'they' has been voted word of the decade by US language experts, beating out other contenders.** "They" is used in English by a growing number of non-binary individuals, people who do not identify as either male or female.
 - They prefer the plural neutral pronoun to bypass using the pronouns "he" or "she".



AWARDS

- The **Government of India** has **announced first 'Antarrashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman'** for several media houses. This award will be conferred on January 7, 2020, to 30 media houses.
 - The objective behind this award is to bring positivity and acknowledge the role of media in the outreach of Yoga in the world.
 - **Related Keys**
 - The International Day of Yoga has been celebrated annually on 21 June since 2015.
 - The idea of International Day of Yoga was first proposed by the current Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi.

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Debacle** - a sudden and ignominious failure
 - Similar Words - catastrophe , disaster.
 - Antonyms - creation , miracle.

- **Deleterious** - causing harm or damage.
 - Similar Words - detrimental , injurious.
 - Antonyms - beneficial , advantageous.


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