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NATIONAL NEWS

- On January 8, 2020, the **Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)** **announced** that it has **developed viable scientific method to cultivate Indian Pompano fish in ponds**. Pompanos are marine fishes. Cultivating Indian Pompano in ponds will be a good alternative to shrimp.
 - The financial assistance for the scientific invention was provided by the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB).
 - **Related Keys**
 - Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute Founded: 1947
 - Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute Director Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan
- **President Ram Nath Kovind laid foundation stone to Lakshadweep's first Super Specialty Hospital at Kavaratti**. President who is on two days visit to the union territory assured special focus for the development of Lakshadweep and directed Lakshadweep Administrator to give special attention for the completion of Super Specialty Hospital.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Lakshadweep Capital: Kavaratti
 - Lakshadweep Formation: 1 November 1956
- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani announced that the State is to set up the **Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center (VSCIC)** in the state. The announcement was made at the **Children's Innovation Festival (CIF)** held at Gandhinagar.
 - In the Festival he felicitated top 30 idea teams, out 114 teams, led by school students in the state. Also, a letter of intent was exchanged between Gujarat University and UNICEF on the occasion.

- **Related Keys**
 - Gujarat Capital: Gandhinagar
 - Gujarat Governor: Acharya Devvrat

SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

- The LIGO (**Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory**) detected **gravitational waves** due to **collision of two neutron stars**. This is the second time the gravitational waves are being detected. The mass of the neutron stars detected is expected to be 3.3 times and 3.7 times as that of the sun.
 - The scientists believe that the neutron stars were at a distance of 520 million light years from the earth.

ECONOMY

- On January 8, 2020, the **Competition Commission of India** (CCI) released its report on **"Market Study on E-Commerce in India: Key Findings and Observation"** The market study for the report was initiated in April 2019 by CCI.
 - According to the report, the number of internet users have increased from 445.96million in 2017 to 665.31 million in 2019.
 - **Related Keys**
 - Competition Commission of India Founded: 14 October 2003
 - Competition Commission of India Headquarters: New Delhi

- The **Indian economy** is estimated to **grow at 5 per cent in 2019-20 as against 6.8 per cent in the previous fiscal**. According to the first advance

estimates of national income released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the decline has been mainly on account of deceleration in manufacturing sector growth, which is expected to come down to 2 per cent in 2019-20 from 6.2 per cent in the year-ago fiscal.

- The deceleration was also witnessed in sectors like agriculture, construction and electricity, gas and water supply.
- **Related Keys**
 - National Statistical Office Founded: 1965
 - National Statistical Office Headquarters location: Zomba, Malawi

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Gamut** - the complete range or scope of something.
 - Similar Words - range , spectrum
 - Antonyms - fail incapability
- **Grapple** - engage in a close fight or struggle without weapons
 - Similar Words - struggle , tussle
 - Antonyms - Free, Make Peace