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NATIONAL NEWS

- The Indian Railways has enhanced security in major railway hubs by installing IP based video surveillance system. The surveillance has been installed in parking areas, entrance and exit platforms, waiting hall and over bridges.
 - The **surveillance system** is to be **installed** in **983 stations** at a budget of **Rs 250 crores**. The budget is being allocated from Nirbhaya funds.
 - **RELATED KEYS**
 - Indian Railways
 - Founded- April 16, 1853
 - Headquarters- New Delhi
 - Ministry of Railway- Piyush Goyal
 - Chairman of Railway Board- Vinod Kumar Yadav
- **Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray inaugurated** the Advantage **Maharashtra expo 2020 in Aurangabad**. The four-day mega industrial exhibition has been organised by the **Marathwada Association of Small Scale Industries and Agriculture** (MASSIA).
 - Growth of Marathwada industries in technology and innovation and the products produced and exported from the region will be showcased in this exhibition.
 - **RELATED KEYS**
 - Governor - Bhagat Singh Koshyari
 - Chief Minister - Uddhav Thackeray

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- India continued to be the **top sourcing market for Sri Lankan tourism** with Indian tourists constituting **maximum 19 percent** of total tourists

arrivals to the island nation in 2019. The latest data released by Sri Lankan tourism revealed that **3,55,002 Indian tourists visited Sri Lanka last year** against total arrival of around 1.91 million.

- Sri Lankan tourism suffered a setback following Easter Sunday attacks last April and the annual tourist arrival dropped by 18 percent since 2018 figures.
- **RELATED KEYS**
 - President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa
 - Prime Minister - Mahinda Rajapaksa

SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

- On January 9, 2020, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy released its year end review. According to the report, over **150 GW** of renewable energy has been installed so far in India.
 - Under **KUSUM initiative, around 17 lakh solar powered agricultural pumps were installed.**
 - **Related Keys**
 - The scheme to set up solar PV power plants in compliance with the WTO was approved. This was launched to encourage Make in India solar PV manufacturing.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year** to mark the contribution of overseas Indian community in the development of India. It also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on **9 January 1915.**
 - Established in 2003 the celebratory event is organised by the Ministry

of External Affairs every year on this day.

○ **RELATED KEYS**

- The PravasiBharatiyaSamman is being presented to honour exceptional NRIs (Non-ResidentIndians) for their contribution towards the country.

WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Imbroglio** – an extremely confused, complicated, or embarrassing situation.
 - Synonym – complication, predicament, plight, muddle
 - Antonym – simplicity, ease, agreement

- **Dismantling** – take (a machine or structure) to pieces.
 - Synonym – deconstruct, disassemble
 - Antonym – build, construct, restore

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