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## NATIONAL NEWS

- **Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani launched the 7th Economic Census process in the state.** The Economic Census process organized by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation with the help of Common Service Centres.
  - Around 40 thousand enumerators will use mobile applications for the first time to gather information under the guidance of 6,500 supervisors.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - In 1977 Central Statistical Organisation conducted First economic census in collaboration with the Directorate of Economics & Statistics (DES) in the States/Union Territories.
- **Gujarat ranked the best for parameters on efficiency targets** in the review of **state and Central government water departments** by the **ministry of Jal Shakti.**
  - Rajasthan is the third-best, and Delhi is among the worst-performing states, according to the ranking for 2019 circulated to different state governments recently.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - Gujarat Chief Minister : Vijay Rupani
    - Gujarat Governor : Acharya Dev Vrat
- The 15th Finance Commission will visit the State Goa and hold meetings with the State Government and other stakeholders on 23rd -24th January 2020.
  - **Chairman, will head the Commission. N.K. Singh and include all its Members and senior officials.** The Commission had a meeting with the Principal Accountant General of Goa, who made a detailed

presentation to the Commission on the State's finances.

○ **Related Keys:**

- Finance Commission Formed : 22 November 1951 under Article 280 of the Indian Constitution
- Finance Commission Headquarters : New Delhi

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The **World Gold Council (WGC)** recently released its report, “**World Gold Outlook 2020**”. The report says that gold has performed the best since 2010 in 2019. In 2019, the gold trade in USD has increased by **18.4%** as compared to 2010.
  - According to the WGC, RBI (Reserve Bank of India) currently holds 625.2 tonnes of gold. This is 6.6% of the country's foreign exchange. With this, India ranks sixth in the world among other central banks.
  - **Related Keys:**
    - The WGC is a market development organization.
    - The headquarters of WGC is located in London.
    - The WGC office in India is located in Mumbai.

## BANKING AND FINANCE

- **Global payments company Mastercard planned to invest nearly \$1 billion in India over the next five years.** The proposed investment will be made over five years in our India operations includes an R&D facility at Pune and another center at Vadodara.
  - The facilities catered to the company's global operations, of which Vadodara provided the backend multiple payment support.
  - **Related Keys:**

- Mastercard Founded : 1979; 41 years ago (as Mastercard)
- Headquarters : Mastercard International Global Headquarters, Purchase, New York U.S.

## WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Upholding** : confirm or support
  - Synonyms : advocate , bolster , raise
  - Antonyms : deny , protest , abandon
- **Indiscriminately**: in a random manner; unsystematically
  - Synonyms : aimlessly , frantically , madly
  - Antonyms : carefully , reasonably , purposely

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